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Attached is a description of WJW Television news programming addressing the key concerns and issues of this community during the period of April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

During the second quarter of 2006 the following issues were addressed by WJW.

- Government
- City Government
- Economy
- Crime
- Religion/Morality
- Environment

A list of Public Service Announcements is also attached.

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GOVERNMENT

Issue: May Primary – Races, Issues & Beyond

News April 3, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:21 Local
Did you ever wonder why our schools need one levy after another? Ohio lawmakers are giving schools a new option to solve this problem, but it may bring you a property tax shock. Right now when your property goes up in value the schools get no more in taxes. But schools have won the option to ask for a new levy that brings them more money when property values rise. School levies now tell you exactly how much money they'll raise. When voters say yes to \$10 million, for example, they know it will add \$100 to the tax bill of a \$100,000 house. If the home's value rises to \$110,000 in a year the extra tax is still \$100. Schools say that's why they have ballot fatigue.

Schools now have the option to ask for a levy that grows with property values, up to 4% a year. This means the yield on a levy could double over 18 years. Franklin County auditor Joe Testa says a change so big should have been debated as stand-alone law, rather than being hidden as an attachment to a crucial budget bill rushed through the legislature. But voters still have to approve growing levies. Any school district that takes this new levy option will have a much more difficult campaign and they're already hard to pass.

Additional reports

News April 4, 2006 6:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News April 5, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:27 Local
A new poll from the University of Akron shows major discontent in the State of Ohio. Fox 8 Columbus Bureau Chief John Damschroder is live at the statehouse. Ohioans will go to the polls this fall in a very ugly mood. Over 60% in a University of Akron poll say the state is heading down the wrong track. The buckeye poll shows 59% of the voters saying it's time to replace Republicans with Democrats at the statehouse. When you put candidate names in the equation opinion shifts. Democrat Ted Strickland leads both Republican candidates in the buckeye poll but the margin is tight. The University of Akron Buckeye Poll shows Ted Strickland 37%, Ken Blackwell 33%, and 29% are undecided.

In the Republican primary Blackwell has a 39% to 32% lead over Jim Petro, but the 29% undecided will determine the winner and the Republican identity. Now the Republican winner has a big problem according to this poll, 41% of the conservatives are so mad about statehouse scandals they want to give Democrats a chance. Democrat Ted Strickland gets less than half the anti-corruption vote right now. Ohioans are waiting to see an agenda from the Democrats.

News April 6, 2006 5:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

Last night the Fairview Park School Board approved laying off 29 fulltime teachers; three administrators and dozens of other workers are also getting the ax. The district is facing a 2.5 million dollar deficit which is nearly 13% of its budget. The school's superintendent says they could only have avoided the cuts by passing a 13.1 mill levy. The 29 teachers will finish out the school year. Residents still need to pass a May levy to avoid even bigger cuts.

Additional reports

News April 6, 2006 6:00AM TRT 0:45 Local
News April 6, 2006 6:00AM TRT 0:45 Local
News April 6, 2006 8:00AM TRT 0:45 Local
News April 6, 2006 Noon TRT 0:40 Local

News April 6, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:28 Local

A threat of truancy kept students at Fairview High School from marching the half mile to school district headquarters, but it did not keep them from bringing their demonstration outside the school. Administrators intended to keep students inside the building, offering to hear their concerns at a gathering inside the schools auditorium. Several hundred, however, challenged orders to remain in the building in a show of support for their teachers, and lobby for passage of a May levy.

The decision to eliminate 29 teaching positions and make other adjustments was formalized by the school board Wednesday night in a unanimous vote. Some parents shared their disappointment. Parents also realize the problem is the same for most every school district in the

state of Ohio. The May levy is 5.9 mills, it is a four year limited levy, but even if it passes these 29 teachers are not coming back. The Board is re-directing everyone's attention away from the local decision makers, and urging a change in Columbus to once and for all change the way schools are funded across Ohio.

Additional reports

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News	April 7, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	April 13, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
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Pastors and parents join forces to help pass what they say is a badly needed school levy. Akron religious leaders and parents met at St. John and St. Paul church to first pray, and then discuss the urgent need to pass Akron's issue #1, a 7.9 mil continuing levy. The pastors explained they were supporting the levy because of the moral necessity of properly educating the young. They are also holding Columbus lawmakers accountable. Religious leaders from nearly all of Summit County's denominations were present to show their support of the levy.

News	April 25, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
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Fox 8 Columbus Bureau Chief John Damschroder is live with details on the latest security sanfu at the Blackwell campaign. A week before primary election day campaign managers in Ohio want the computer disc identifying every registered voter in Ohio. They'll use this information to communicate with you through the mail trying to influence your vote. The problem is voter data for people who registered before 2002 includes social security numbers opening the door to identity theft. Secretary of State Ken Blackwell would not comment or allow staff members to explain how this happened. Blackwell's staff says the discs are being retrieved from political consultants and replaced with a new voter list scrubbed of social security numbers.

Ohio Democrats say this incident is serious because it's a second strike. The Secretary of State's web site had business records with social security numbers exposed. The Democrats say marketers routinely use voting information from the Secretary of State to help target their direct mail messages. The Democrats are convinced these social security numbers have gone to the wrong people many times. The Blackwell campaign says it's a problem they're fixing and the complaints are political.

News	April 28, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:19	Local
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Primary election day Tuesday ends the most expensive and bitter battle in Ohio Republican history. The ad war between Ken Blackwell and Jim Petro is the kind of no holds barred pounding you normally see when Republicans and Democrats face off in the fall. The Republican campaign for governor ends in a blur of video. The Attorney General and the Secretary of State are accusing each other of hypocrisy, while Democrats say they're both right. Jim Petro says he's been pounded for months with Blackwell telephone polls that distort his record. Petro says Blackwell's investments in hip-hop radio, a slot machine maker and a birth control drug makes a mockery of Blackwell's conservative rhetoric. Blackwell says Petro has flip flopped on abortion, gay marriage and taxes so his charge of hypocrisy will fail. Blackwell says if he loses he'll support Petro and expects the same from Petro.

News	April 30, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:19	Local
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The war on drugs will be an issue for some voters in this Tuesday's election. Medina County must decide whether to keep funding programs to help prevent drug abuse and get dealers off the street. The levy has been on the books since 1989. By renewing it, the owner of a \$150,000 home would have to shell out less than \$2 more every year than they pay now. The same levy failed by 2% in November. Medina County is the only county in Ohio to have such a levy.

Additional reports

News	April 30, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	May 1, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

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It's already been a bitter and expensive battle for governor and we're only at the primary election. How are voters reacting to such a heated campaign? Voters haven't tuned out after an onslaught of television commercials, but the Republican race for governor has turned off the voters Jim

Petro and Ken Blackwell need to turn out at the polls. Voters here expect a governor's race much like the presidential election, long, nasty and expensive. Because Ohio is so important to the presidential race, the governor's election will be a national contest. Big campaign contributions are coming from outside Ohio because the next governor can be so important to helping a presidential campaign.

Additional reports

News	May 2, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
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News	May 2, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	May 2, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:55	Local

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The major statewide primary today is the race for governor. We have team coverage of that race. This hotel just across the street from the statehouse is where Blackwell supporters will gather tonight hoping to celebrate a victory. The pre-election polls have Ken Blackwell leading the Republican race for governor. Blackwell's campaign team has spent the day working to get their supporters out to the polls. Secretary of State Blackwell was predicting low turnout, just 25%. If that prediction holds true the results will come quickly tonight and we'll have a winner in the hard fought Blackwell-Petro battle in time for the 10pm news.

Additional reports

News	May 2, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:15	Local
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The Ohio governor's race has been narrowed down. Ken Blackwell will be on the Republican ticket. He won the nomination over Attorney General Jim Petro 56% to 44%. During his victory speech the current Secretary of State wasted no time in challenging his Democratic opponent. Throughout the campaign Blackwell worked to distance himself from the recent scandals in the Republican party.

For the Democratic nomination, it was a landslide victory for Congressman Ted Strickland. Many Democrats believe Strickland is their ticket to regaining some control in Ohio, where all three branches of government are controlled by the Republicans.

Capri Cafaro lost her bid to become the Democratic candidate in the 13th Congressional District. She lost to Betty Sutton by more than 3,000 votes. A difference of 500 votes means failure for the \$23 million Akron school levy. After the last levy was voted down, the Akron School Board increased the millage to 7.9. They say the district is in a fiscal emergency and they're trying to fight off a takeover by the State. The new levy lost by 1% so the superintendent says drastic cuts will be made. The votes will have to be recounted to determine the results of a school levy in Vermilion. That's because it passed by just four votes. The levy is supposed to raise two million dollars a year.

Additional reports

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News	May 3, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 3:50	Local
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News	May 3, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 3:30	Local
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News	May 3, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:41	Local
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Voters rejected a 7.9 mill levy that would've kept the Akron School District afloat. It will affect the future of 27,000 students. The Akron School District will be \$30 million dollars in debt. Administrators will have to cut programs like band, choir, athletics and advanced placement courses from their curriculum. Hundreds of employees, mainly teachers, will lose their jobs. Will there be another attempt to pass a levy on the November ballot? Yes, most likely, but many of the cuts will have to be made before then.

Additional reports

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News	May 3, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

News May 3, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:01 Local
 Get ready for the most expensive, hardest-fought campaign for governor in Ohio history. Ted Strickland and Ken Blackwell both define their victory as a vote for big change in Ohio. Both Blackwell and Strickland promise an all out fight to make their proposed agenda the change that comes to Ohio. Ohio Democrats are confident the state's new voice will be Ted Strickland. Ohio Republicans counter with a harsh critic of the Taft administration. Ken Blackwell says Strickland and the Democrats support tax and spending plans that go beyond Bob Taft. Blackwell says he'll cut state spending and state taxes, while Strickland will have to raise taxes to pay his promises on education. Blackwell says he can attract votes from the Democrat's base, urban black voters. Strickland says he can attract moderate Republicans.

Both candidates say Ohio voters want a strategy to grow the economy and create good new jobs. The political pros expect more than \$50 million to be spent on this campaign, with money coming from around the country because of Ohio's impact on the presidential race. The Coingate trials start late this summer, so this political year shapes up like none we have ever seen.

News May 4, 2006 5:00AM TRT 0:20 Local
 A failed levy has Eastlake officials discussing major cuts to the city's budget. The 6-mill levy would have stopped the layoff of police officers and the closing of city pools and senior centers. Today the Financial Planning Commission will discuss steps to avoid deficit spending in 2007. There's still no talk about going back to voters with another levy in November.

News May 16, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:06 Local
 Akron School Board members are making some tough decisions to get their district in the black. They're cutting 116 jobs, including 82 teachers. This will reduce the budget by about \$7.2 million dollars. High school varsity sports will continue, but junior varsity and freshman sports will be gone, along with some performing arts programs. Music in the fourth and fifth grade are also on the way out. The superintendent says another levy will most likely be on the November ballot. If that one doesn't pass, there will be more cuts, which will include closing more schools.

Additional reports

News May 17, 2006 5:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News May 26, 2006 Noon TRT 0:50 Local
 A seat on the central committee of the Erie County Democratic party came down a coin flip today. Challenger Jean Miller won the toss after receiving the same amount of votes as her opponent William Crawford. The funny part of the whole thing is that Crawford's two sons didn't vote, which would have put him over the top in the first place. Crawford says both of his sons are going to get an earful for this.

Additional reports

News May 26, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:45 Local

News June 5, 2006 5:00PM TRT 0:20 Local
 More than a month after the May primary, Vermilion voters finally know their school levy passed by a razor thin 3 votes. An automatic recount was ordered after the May vote because the margin was so close. Vermilion is split between two counties, so both the Erie and Lorain Boards of Election had to perform the recount.

News June 8, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:25 Local
 Tonight Democrats are calling on Secretary of State Ken Blackwell to step down in the race for governor. The Strickland campaign says Ken Blackwell cannot fairly run an election when he's on the ballot for governor. They say Blackwell will suppress voting rights to help his campaign. Blackwell says they're desperate. Ohio Democrats don't trust Ken Blackwell. They say the Secretary of State has a long well documented record of using his position to interfere with the bedrock right to vote. The Strickland campaign says Blackwell discouraged minority voters registration efforts in 2004 to help elect George Bush president. The Blackwell campaign rejects calls that he step aside as Secretary of State. Blackwell says Strickland's charge is based on desperation to keep African Americans voting for Democrats. Blackwell says record registration and turnout in 2004 show no voter suppression exists.

The Republicans say if the Democrats had a serious case to make on voting suppression they would be in court. Democrats say they don't rule out a lawsuit against Blackwell but it's not their first option. The Blackwell campaign says Ohioans know their elections are fair, so Democratic charges will hurt them. Ohio Democrats have an ally in the New York Times. The newspaper editorialized yesterday that Blackwell should step aside as Secretary of State claiming he has a history of voting suppression.

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News	June 26, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:55	Local
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A statehouse battle over new voter registration rules in Ohio. The debate is emotional. Are Secretary of State Ken Blackwell's new rules a barrier to voter registration or a safeguard against election fraud? Either way the rules approved by lawmakers today guarantee more election controversy in Ohio. Republican lawmakers simply read headlines from campaign 2004 to explain why they changed Ohio's voter registration law making violations a felony. Ohio Democrats say the Blackwell rules shut down organized voter registration drives in Ohio because they make individual registrars liable rather than the group they represent.

Majority Republicans are willing to argue the merits of the law if and when Democrats make good on threats to sue. Right now the Republicans say Secretary of State Blackwell's voter registration rules are based on the law they passed and must stand unchanged. Republicans say the hearing was meant to damage Blackwell's campaign, blaming him for a get tough law the legislature passed. The next stop for this issue is likely to be in court, to test the constitutionality of the new voter registration process in Ohio.

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News	June 27, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:37	Local
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News	June 30, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:10	Local
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President Bush is in Columbus campaigning for Senator Mike DeWine. Fox 8 Columbus Bureau Chief John Damschroder spent the day with DeWine and his Democratic opponent Sherrod Brown. Two term Republican Senator Mike DeWine welcomes President Bush to Columbus. The President's mission in 2.5 hours at a private suburban home is to raise money for DeWine's re-election. The President's polls are bad and the war in Iraq is unpopular but in this upscale suburb Bush fans are easy to find.

Mike DeWine plans to make the war in Iraq and the war against terrorism the line of attack against his democratic opponent Sherrod Brown. Lorain Congressman Brown sees his vote against combat in Iraq as a political plus. Brown says DeWine has given the president a blank check to enrich well connected contractors. Both congressmen say national political money will flow into Ohio because this race is so important to deciding which political party controls the United States Senate.

Issue: May Primary – Technical Difficulties/Corruption

News	April 4, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:37	Local
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Election officials are scrambling to eliminate any snags that might crop up in May when major changes are in store for those of you planning to vote in the primaries. This has been described as the largest event in voting in the history of Cuyahoga County, and elections officials have less than a month to pull it off, and get things right. Voters in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties have seen the last of paper ballots and punch cards. On May 2, in every precinct, everything will change for good.

Electronic voting machines that Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Director Michael Vu says eliminates the problems that lead to a hand re-count following the presidential election in 2000. Cuyahoga County has just over half as many of the Diebold voting machines as the 10,000 machines it had for previous elections. That may cause a problem in November's general election, but Vu doesn't anticipate problems in May.

When you are going from 10,000 devices to 5400 devices, that is some cause for concern from the Board of Elections standpoint and they have been working with the County Commissioners to resolve and address that issue. The biggest challenge is going to be getting election workers up to speed in a month's time, and making voters comfortable with change. In Summit County,

election officials say problems with computerized memory cards that caused failures in some machines have been addressed. The machines will all be tested between now and May 2, with little room for setbacks. Cuyahoga County election officials believe any problems they encounter can be resolved. Cuyahoga County plans more than 600 live hands on demonstrations of the machines before the May 2 election. They have embarked on a major campaign to try and familiarize registered voters with the changes. You can see an instruction video on the board of elections website, or you can call your local library for information about when they will have a demonstration there.

Additional reports

News April 5, 2006 Noon TRT 2:13 Local

News April 4, 2006 10:00PM TRT 6:29 Local

Tonight, the Fox 8 I-Team uncovers extraordinary details concerning an elections scandal in Cuyahoga County. In his first extensive interview, a special prosecutor reveals the recount of the 2004 vote for president may well have been a sham. According to the special prosecutor, there's no evidence the alleged manipulation changed the outcome of the presidential race.

People's votes were not changed on their ballots, but rather, the prosecutor says the process of recounting the votes was manipulated to make sure that recount did not find any major problems. Why? The prosecutor says elections workers may have wanted to avoid the possibility of having to spend more time and do more work. In 2004, it all came down to Ohio. In the weeks after the polls closed, the small green party put up the approximately \$14,000 needed to force a recount of the vote in Cuyahoga County.

The I-Team has learned of a series of events that has led a special prosecutor to now conclude that the recount was rigged. Three county election officials, Kathy Dreamer, Rosie Grier, and Jacqueline Maiden have now been indicted charged with violating election laws. All of them ultimately report to Michael Vu, the Director of the Elections Board. Vu points out that elections officials are not accused of trying to physically change anyone's vote.

The law provides that three percent of the county's votes must be recounted. If they match the official count, the process is over. But if there were problems, Cuyahoga County would have had to recount all the ballots, over 600,000 by hand. That recount was long, expensive, embarrassing to the counties involved, and held the presidency in the balance. Green Party Attorney Richard Kerger's letter to Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Bill Mason about problems in the recount led to the appointment of Kevin Baxter as special prosecutor. Kerger says, at this recount, observers noticed something strange early on about the ballots. Prosecutor Baxter alleges that election officials held a secret recount, unsealing ballots, and discarding precincts that wouldn't match the official count. He contends this recount was a sham. Election officials had rigged it to ensure the people doing the counting wouldn't find any major problems. Baxter says there's no evidence that what he alleges changed the outcome of the presidential race in Ohio.

Have candidates in Cuyahoga County won elections they should have lost? And what about close school levies? What about just simple fairness? Now, a jury will decide if this recount supervised by the Board of Elections was fair, if it belonged anywhere near an American election. Again, Prosecutor Baxter says there's no evidence the alleged manipulation changed the outcome of the presidential race in Ohio. All three of the indicted officials are still working. Prosecutor Baxter says it concerns him that indicted officials are working with people who may be witnesses against them in the trial which is set for early May.

Could this have affected a number of close races? It's possible, if the practice has been to presort ballots and put aside precincts that might reveal problems. Elections officials say they've had the same procedures for 23 years. Those procedures do not call for any presorting of ballots. Whether in practice elections workers routinely presorted ballots is still unclear. But late today, we received a letter from defendant Rosie Grier's attorney. Dominic Vitantonio says his client is a victim of a sometimes blind political/justice system. He says Grier, a long time public servant, followed the rules, but didn't make them, and that this recount was conducted in the same manner as every other recount she's participated in over the last six years. Elections director Vu says it's highly unlikely the outcomes of any races would have been affected. There were 171 recounts in the county between 1990 and 2004.

Additional reports

News April 6, 2006 6:00PM TRT 5:17 Local

News April 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:40 Local

Electronic touch-screen voting systems will replace punch cards in Cuyahoga County at Tuesday's primary election. A memory card is inserted into the voting machine and voters select their choice for candidates and issues by touching the appropriate box on the screen. That means no more hanging chads. The official voter information guide sent to all registered voters details how to vote on these new electronic devices. Polls will be open on Tuesday statewide from 6:30am until 7-30pm.

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News April 26, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:45 Local

News April 27, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:01 Local

Tuesday's primary election is just around the corner and it's anyone's guess how many voting machines will work, or more specifically, how many of the memory cards inside them will work. For weeks on end, the Summit County Board of Elections has had one headache after another when it comes to their new optical scan voting machines. There have been glitches, problems and setbacks. The culprit is the memory cards that go inside the machines. Some of them have had repeated failures in testing. With an optical scan system, voters mark paper ballots by filling in circles with a pen, similar to the way students take standardized tests. The ballot is then fed into a scanner that reads it and records the votes on a memory card inside.

The Board of Elections says its back up plan should make people feel confident that their votes will count, even if there's a failure with some of the memory cards. The Summit County Board of Elections says even if one of the memory cards has a failure, it will not interrupt the voting process. People will then cast their vote on a paper ballot which will later be scanned into the machine.

Additional reports

News April 28, 2006 5:00AM TRT 1:35 Local

News April 28, 2006 5:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News April 28, 2006 7:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News April 28, 2006 Noon TRT 0:55 Local

News May 1, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:33 Local

Just in time for tomorrow's primary election, Cuyahoga County is unveiling it's new touch screen voting machines. Board of Election workers say despite the machines being high tech, they're easy to use. To vote, you insert a card, make your selections, review your choices, and cast your ballot. You also have the option of rejecting your ballot up to three times.

Fox 8 is your election results station. Tune in tomorrow night at 10pm for up to the minute results from the polls. From the race for governor to school levies, we'll have a team of reporters covering the issues that matter to you most.

Additional reports

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News May 2, 2006 7:00AM TRT 2:00 Local

News May 2, 2006 8:00AM TRT 1:45 Local

News May 2, 2006 Noon TRT 2:05 Local

It's a new era at the polls with the use of high-tech electronic machines in most places. Some of the new machines at a polling place on Kinsman Road are still in the plastic packaging. Some voters tell Fox 8 some workers don't know how to use the machines. These are just some election issues during today's primary elections.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections expected problems with the new voting machines when polls opened this morning. They're pecking away at the problems, sending techs out to fix things. In one case poll workers could only get one machine working. Turns out they just didn't have the paper canister plugged in right. But at one spot in Cleveland's Garden Valley neighborhood we found machines still in bubble wrap and a broken one on the floor. Voters there tell us they still couldn't cast a ballot more than an hour after polls opened. They were told

to come back or fill out a paper ballot. In Seven Hills at John Glenn Elementary the problem was poll workers couldn't get the machines booted up.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections anticipated problems with the new touch screen machines, but the inconvenience was very frustrating for voters. The question is how will these problems affect the outcome of ballot issues and tight races? The Board of Elections admits things got off to a rocky start but they're calming down.

News May 2, 2006 5:00PM TRT 3:00 Local
It's been a frustrating day for both voters and election workers in Cuyahoga County. The transition from the punch card voting system to electronic voting has been a bumpy one. Worst of all, the entire system for counting absentee ballots has failed, meaning that more than 16,000 votes will have to be counted by hand, a process that will take days.

This afternoon, Board of Elections members verbally skewered representatives from both Diebold, which supplies the optical scan machines that electronically count absentee ballots, and marketing communications resources which supplied the ballots. It's not clear whose fault it is, but it is clear the vote count will be delayed. Over 16,000 people voted absentee, and that doesn't count the voters given an absentee ballot when their polling locations were having trouble this morning

More Summit County voters have turned out at the polls today than in the previous election. The concern was that some of the voting machines might not work. For weeks on end, the Summit County Board of Elections had one headache after another when it came to its new optical scan voting machines. Some of the memory cards had repeated failures in testing. The Board of Elections says today went better than expected. There was less than a 1% failure rate. The main frustration today is with the new \$50,000 high speed counters. They were having problems reading some of the absentee ballots, so poll workers must count some of them by hand.

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News May 2, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:47 Local

News May 2, 2006 10:00PM TRT 3:04 Local
We begin with big voting problems in northeast Ohio. People were still voting into the night at Garden Valley on Cleveland's east side. Early this morning, voters at Garden Valley arrived to find their new computerized ballot machines still in shrink wrap. The polling place didn't open until afternoon. So late today, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones got a court to order Garden Valley to stay open until 9:30 tonight. The Cuyahoga County Elections Board estimated the new touch screen system led to a 20% increase in problems. In Cleveland Heights, poll workers had the wrong memory cards for the computers which led to a 3 hour delay using the machines. By far, the biggest problems were with the systems for this simple looking device, an optical scanner that's supposed to read absentee ballots.

This afternoon, the Elections Board grilled representatives from both Diebold and Marketing Communications Resources. The Board seemed stunned to learn that the final test that married the absentee ballots to the machine didn't take place until yesterday, too late to find and fix the problem before today.

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News May 3, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:44 Local
The problems with yesterday's new electronic voting system in Cuyahoga County spilled over into today. At this hour, all the votes still aren't counted. The I-Team's Bill Shell has been digging into what caused the problems. The problems were far and wide, and now there's a new

problem of missing votes. Just after midnight, they started counting ballots by hand in what was supposed to be Cuyahoga County's first electronic election. At 80% of the polling places, all went well, but 20% had problems such as machines still in shrink wrap, or computers that wouldn't boot up. Then Diebold's optical scanner wouldn't accurately read any of the absentee ballots. That's what they started the counting of 17,000 absentee ballots at midnight last night.

Today, the I-Team uncovered a Secretary of State's directive from last year, advising that memory cards should be held in the most secure fashion possible. Michael Vu says if any of cards can't be found either in bags at the Board of Elections or still in the machines then they will report the loss to the Secretary of State. Michael Vu says the electronic system has two back-ups, both a paper record, and the votes are recorded on the voting machines hard drives as well. The votes will all be counted, they hope, by around six o'clock tonight.

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A full day after the primaries votes are missing. When it comes to the new touch screen election computers one small piece is critical. This is it a memory card it holds the votes. This afternoon, 70 out of just over 5000 of the cards were still missing; poll workers hadn't properly returned them. Vu said the Board of Elections expected problems. The biggest problem led to a hand recount that started just after midnight on election night. Workers had to count 17,000 absentee ballots the old fashion way, because Diebold's optical scanner wouldn't read the absentee ballots. Officials aren't sure whether to blame Diebold or the ballot printer.

The I-Team read Diebold's contract with the state. It says in part that the electronic counting of absentee voting will be "easily integrated with election day results in a timely manner." This afternoon, they were still counting. All the director could do was to promise to do better.

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The ACLU says it got dozens of complaints from voters in Tuesday's primary. The executive director of the group says "Ohio's quickly getting this reputation as most corrupt and maybe most incompetent." Most of the problems were in Cuyahoga County. Some election workers were late, or did not show up at all. Others could not figure out how to turn on the new machines. There was a problem at one out of every five locations in the county.

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Final figures from Tuesday's election in Cuyahoga County still aren't in. So, what's the hold-up? Counting the 17,000 absentee ballots cast for last Tuesday's primary was supposed to be relatively easy on paper. It was determined that the ballots were printed on paper that did not fit into the scanning machines so at this point they are doing a hand count of all the absentee ballots. Cuyahoga County had contracted with a local company to have those absentee ballots printed.

The Secretary of State's office says the bottom line is that the new optical scanners and the paper used for the absentee ballots should have been tested well before the election. Secretary of State Blackwell, the man in charge of elections, is concerned about all of this. "There are always problems when you do a hand count because you are relying on someone to actually visually read that ballot and then someone to tally the votes of the ballots so there is a great room for error with hand counts."

Jo-Ellyn Tucker is providing the eyes and ears for Ken Blackwell as the absentee ballots are counted. What will the fallout from all of this? The Board of Elections will have to answer to that very soon. "We are very concerned because we want every person's vote to count." The Secretary of State's office said it sent training materials to all election boards. It feels Cuyahoga County was just unprepared.

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Tonight there is new information into the voting snafu. Did poll workers get enough training? Prior to Election Day, there was a lot of focus on teaching voters how to use the new electronic voting machines. Tonight election officials say they will look at the process top to bottom to

make sure poll workers got enough training. Poll workers have been a part of the election process for years, but as the election process changes from punch cards to electronic voting, so do the workers.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections hired 7500 poll workers for Tuesday's primary. They got three hours of training. The county also hired 700 technicians to fix any glitches at polling places. They got five hours of training. This was sufficient according to Vu. The debut of touch screen voting hit a few snags. Some workers didn't show up. Some machines didn't work and one polling location didn't open until afternoon. Right now they're not assigning blame.

Poll workers are volunteers, their average age is 64, and they work a long day for \$122. As the election process becomes more complex, election officials are trying to recruit new blood. They hope the veterans can learn from the computer savvy younger generation and vice versa, so the next election goes off without a hitch. Vu says if it hadn't been for the problem with the optical scan machines, they could have focused more on the problems at the polls. They'll assess that once the absentee ballots are counted.

News May 5, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:48 Local
The Fox 8 I-Team continues to dig into what went wrong before Tuesday's election. We have some new information tonight regarding board personnel. A source close to the board tells the I Team that Director Michael Vu recommended some personnel moves in the months leading up to Tuesday's election. Our source says Vu apparently was concerned about whether he had enough people with enough computer expertise to handle the change over from a paper ballot election to a computerized one.

The Board of Elections is a political body, and many of the employees who work at the board have political connections. Elections Director Vu said he had indeed put together a personnel plan for the new era of computerized voting. Whatever support the board offered and whatever changes were made didn't work as well as would have been hoped. The law says once you start counting votes, you can't stop until you're finished. Today, they were still counting absentees by hand.

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The election was last Tuesday. It's not supposed to take this long for results. Investigation is going to be a big word as Primary '06 is discussed. Board members are meeting to talk about what went wrong and how can they prevent it from happening again in November. Late last night, workers finished tallying the votes, and the results, minus the absentees, were posted on the Cuyahoga County website.

A team from the Secretary of State's office will come to Cleveland to investigate and help figure all of the problems out. At this point at least part of the problem is clear. The Cuyahoga County election results are finally in and now they have to start counting all over again. The official count is due Saturday.

News May 8, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:24 Local
The big change in casting your vote caused widespread problems at the polls. But, tonight, nearly a week after the primary elections, the results are in. Election officials in Cuyahoga County knew the May primary could be bumpy. It was a first for voters and poll workers using new electronic voting machines. A technical glitch is taking most of the blame for results that took a week to get.

Election Director Michael Vu spent most of the afternoon explaining to the board of elections what happened. Vu says the problem created a domino effect. And so the finger pointing begins... A Diebold representative says the problem isn't on their end. 48 other counties used the same optical scan as Cuyahoga County. Aside from the technical problems some poll workers didn't show up. Some technicians hired to troubleshoot the new machines didn't show up on Election Day either.

The Board of Elections has been charged by the Secretary of State's office to investigate everything that happened on Tuesday. The task force will be made up of experts and folks from the public independent of the Board of Elections. The hope is that they can get to the heart of the problem and make November as smooth as possible.

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The board had huge problems in last week's elections. The I-Team's Bill Sheil has discovered new details in a criminal investigation into the 2004 presidential election. Remember Ohio decided the presidency in 2004. When Cuyahoga County held a recount of its 2004 vote, the law said it only had to recount 3% of the ballots by hand. If that 3% revealed major problems, then the whole county would have to be counted by hand. On recount day, Turo Dexter served as a witness. Turo Dexter says he brought up his concerns to elections officials on recount day, questioning how clean and "chad-free" the ballots appeared to be. We were told these weren't touched and that the situation would be looked into.

As the I-Team first reported, Special Prosecutor Baxter charges this recount in Cuyahoga County of the 2004 presidential election was a sham. Three election workers have now been indicted. The highest ranking official indicted is Jackie Maiden, the number three person at the Board of Elections. The special prosecutor asserts that election workers held a secret recount ahead of the official one, illegally unsealing the ballots and pre-sorting them into large groups: a group for Bush, a group for Kerry, supposedly to make the recount go easier. He charges they rigged this recount of 3% of the vote to ensure it wouldn't find any major problems that would force a Florida-style hand recount of all the ballots in Cuyahoga County, over 600,000. Baxter believes, during the secret recount, election officials both cleaned up chads and excluded certain precincts that didn't balance or match the official count.

In an interview with our I-team, Maiden acknowledged that there was pre-sorting of ballots. She also indicated that is part of the normal procedure. To her knowledge no precincts were discarded in this recount. Prosecutor Baxter writes in a court filing that he "offered defendant Jacqueline Maiden immunity from prosecution." A recount is the public's only external audit, or check, on the fairness of its elections. A recount is a place where not only the results matter, but also the integrity of the process used to reach them.

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Tonight, surprising developments concerning the I-Team's investigation into the 2004 presidential recount in Cuyahoga County and whether it was rigged. Less than a month from the start of the trial, the prosecutor indicated he's not done investigating and looking at higher ranking officials. After Ohio decided the presidency between John Kerry and George Bush, Cuyahoga County held this recount. 3% of the ballots were counted by hand when they basically matched, or balanced, with the official count, the process was over. If major problems had been found, Cleveland could have faced recounts of an entire county.

As the I-Team first reported, a special prosecutor believes this Cuyahoga County recount was a scam because election officials rigged it to avoid a possible Florida style nightmare. With indicted workers Jackie Maiden and Kathy Dreamer sitting in court today, the prosecutor said it all began with at least some of the defendants illegally unsealing ballots before the recount. Special Prosecutor Kevin Baxter was arguing against a defense motion to throw out one of the felony counts because, the defense said it's unclear whether someone has to act on purpose, or just be negligent, to break this election law. Judge Judith Kilbane Koch ruled for the defense throwing out that one count.

In an aside, she referenced the May election this year when it took several days to count absentee ballots in Cuyahoga County. "Based on what has to be a fiasco, everybody who works under the Board of Elections should be charged under that statute." With indicted official Kathy Dreamer visible just over his shoulder, Baxter said "I'd like to make it clear that Ms. Dreamer knows the state of Ohio is willing to discuss some plea negotiations with her."

News June 29, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local

An investigation into major problems during May's primary election is focusing now on the relationships between Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and several companies. I-Team reporter Bill Sheil has broken several stories on this and joins us with today's developments. How do these relationships play into the problems we had? They go to the heart of why the system to count absentee ballots may have failed. The Diebold company supplies the scanners to count those ballots, and a reputable local printer, albeit one that had little experience in this area, supplied the ballots. As we all remember too well, either the scanner failed or the ballots were printed wrong. The result was thousands of absentee ballots had to be counted by hand, delaying the results by days and costing the county thousands.

At a hearing today, the winning printer, MCR, and the printer that lost the bid, Dayton Legal, both testified. The investigating panel wanted to know if MCR had access to gems, the elections software owned by Diebold, the company that makes the scanners that's supposed to read the ballots. Later Diebold representatives reiterated that point, that MCR's lack of access to the gems software should not have effected the proper printing of the ballots. Now, MCR underbid Dayton Legal by \$60,000. Dayton Legal has a relationship with Diebold. It sells Diebold equipment. It also pays for the gems software. The investigating board seemed very interested in whether Diebold would have allowed MCR to acquire gems, and, if so whether that could have made the process go smoother.

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Issue: Coingate Scandal

News April 13, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:58 Local

Former Cleveland Council President George Forbes is a person of interest in a federal investigation that centers on huge losses at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. The investment firm that employed Forbes daughter lost a shocking amount of state workers comp money amounting to over \$200 million. The Grand Jury is trying to determine if the loss was just a loss, or if somewhere there's a crime. George Forbes has been Cleveland City Council president and president of the Cleveland NAACP. Until he resigned, Forbes was also a member of this lesser-known group, the Bureau of Workers Compensation Oversight Board, which steered bureau money to investment firms.

In a lawsuit, Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro says that investment cost Ohio \$215 million. When that became public, one Oversight Committee board member, while not speaking about Forbes, said a culture of political corruption had infected the process of choosing investment firms. U.S. Attorney Greg White has confirmed the existence of a broader workers comp investigation. He has not confirmed that Forbes is a person of interest. White has been quoted as saying investigators are making reasonable progress.

A federal task force started out investigating losses in the millions of workers comp money in rare coin investments managed by Toledo Republican fund raiser Tom Noe. Last August the task force announced a separate investigation of MDL. Already by then questions were flying about why the huge losses.

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News April 14, 2006 7:00AM TRT 2:30 Local

News April 26, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:55 Local

Two political opponents are joining forces tonight to protect open records law and prevent corruption. State Senators Marc Dann and Tim Grendell say the Ohio Supreme Court stepped out of bounds in giving Governor Taft executive privilege to avoid revealing memos on the Coingate scandal. The senators are co-sponsoring legislation to reverse the executive privilege granted Taft, shielding him from the Ohio open records law.

Grendell says if lawmakers don't pass a new law revoking the executive privilege he'll lead a ballot issue so Ohio voters can protect open government. Grendell says the Supreme Court decision will give every mayor and county commissioner a free pass to evade public scrutiny. Grendell and Dann say maintaining the legislature's power on all state policy is even more important than protecting the open records law. The senators say lawmakers must show the court who is boss on policy issues by re-establishing the open records law.

News May 11, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local
There are new developments in the Coingate scandal. A plea deal is in the works for the political fundraiser charged with stealing from a \$50 million coin fund investment he managed for the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. Tom Noe is ready to admit to an illegal scheme to funnel money to the Bush presidential campaign.

Tom Noe is charged with giving 24 people \$45,000 to buy tickets to a 2004 Bush for President fund raiser, evading the limit on campaign contributions. Noe's co-conspirators have immunity from prosecution and now Noe wants a court date to change his plea and end the federal campaign cash case. Sources inside the investigation tell Fox 8 News Noe is also seeking a plea bargain on theft charges connected to money missing from the BWC coin fund.

State Democrats say a deal must uncover the scandal not contain the scandal. Republicans put legislative hearings on the Coingate scandal on hold because of the criminal investigation. State Democratic party chairman Chris Redfern says if Ohio voters don't get the Coingate facts from a Noe trial they must have legislative hearings. The Republicans say whatever the process, Tom Noe is going to jail for a long time. Ohio Democrats make it clear a big part of their agenda is exposing the full extent of the scandal in Ohio government and that goes way beyond Tom Noe.

News May 31, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:44 Local
The prominent GOP fundraiser at the center of an Ohio political scandal has changed his plea to guilty. Tom Noe, a rare coin dealer, now admits that he illegally funneled about \$45,000 to President Bush's re-election campaign. Noe says he changed his plea in order to spare his family and friends from a trial. He remains free on bond, pending sentencing.

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News May 31, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:39 Local

News June 1, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:27 Local
The chief financial officer at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation when the Coingate investments started is now charged with racketeering and money laundering for his alleged role in Coingate. Prosecutors say the man who directed BWC investments including Tom Noe's ill fated coin fund, took a \$25,000 bribe from Noe concealed through a girl friend's business. Other investment brokers helped pay college tuition for Terry Gasper's son. Prosecutors say in return for illegal payments Gasper helped brokers get or keep contracts with the BWC. Charges are expected against those brokers.

Ohio Democrats say Coingate is not a story of individual corruption. Terry Gasper's job was to direct contracts to campaign contributors and Governors Voinovich and Taft knew what was going on. Senator Voinovich says he had no knowledge of any irregularities within the BWC until April 2005. Voinovich says his attitude on the criminal investigation is let the chips fall where they may. Democrats say the BWC investment scandal is evidence state government has been tilted to benefit Republican campaigns.

Prosecutors say Democrats should bring them evidence of corruption or stop talking about it. Democrats say they might find the evidence of crime but the Ohio Supreme Court is keeping them from the governor's records with a new privilege ruling. Terry Gasper will be in state and federal court next Wednesday to answer these charges.

News June 7, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:11 Local
The man who once ran \$15 billion in Bureau of Workers Comp investments pleads guilty to state and federal corruption charges. Terry Gasper admits taking illegal gifts from 150 state vendors, including tuition for his son and a \$25,000 bribe from coin fund operator Tom Noe. Noe is charged with stealing millions of dollars from the coin fund. Governor Taft, his former chief of

staff Brian Hicks, and two other administration insiders have also been convicted in the Coingate scandal.

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News June 14, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:35 Local

The trial for coin dealer Tom Noe is delayed and both political parties are crying foul. Postponing the trial from August to October, means the Noe news will flow just when most voters are starting to pay close attention to the election campaign. To give Noe time to prepare his defense against charges the trial is pushed back 6 weeks. Ohio Democrats aren't happy about the trial delay because the verdict will surely come after the election.

Ohio Republicans are also angry and say Judge Osowick should immediately remove himself from this case because of his conflict of interest as a Democratic candidate on the November ballot. Chairman Bob Bennett released a statement from Washington, saying Judge Thomas Osowick is trying to advance his candidacy for appeals court judge timing the case for maximum political exposure. Noe's lawyers are also angry claiming a trial in Toledo is unfair. The judge won't hear of a venue change unless there's a problem with jury selection.

Noe will be back in court in July arguing 16 charges against him must be dropped because the statute of limitations has expired. Noe will also be arguing the evidence against him was acquired in an illegal search of his coin shop. These Coingate legal decisions are some of the most important political events of the year.

News June 14, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:50 Local

A legal ruling means Governor Bob Taft will have to hand over several documents requested by State Senator Marc Dann. The Youngstown Democrat is currently running for Attorney General and wants to see all records Taft has on the troubled state insurance fund for injured workers. The governor insists he already has complied. The court will look at Taft's records privately and then rule on whether or not they should be made public.

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News June 19, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:20 Local

Two more indictments were handed down today in the Coingate scandal at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. 71 year old Michael Lewis of Willoughby and 54 year old Dan O'Neil of Chesterland are accused of giving former BWC investment boss Terry Gasper use of their Florida condo in return for BWC investment business. Gasper has already pleaded guilty to taking illegal gifts from Lewis and O'Neil along with a \$25,000 bribe from Toledo coin dealer Tom Noe.

News June 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:20 Local

Prosecutors in the case against fundraiser Tom Noe want his attorneys disqualified. A judge has sealed the court documents which explain the reason why. Noe is accused of stealing at least one-million dollars from a rare coin investment he managed for the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. He is scheduled to stand trial in October.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Issue: Traffic Cameras

News April 5, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:29 Local

A new lawsuit may force the City of Cleveland to defend their controversial traffic cameras. Youngstown attorney Dave Betras is suing the city over its speeding and red light cameras. He wants Cleveland to eliminate them because he says they are unconstitutional. Under state law, the only entity allowed to regulate how moving violations are processed is the State and not the city. The city's law director says he is aware of the lawsuit, but he believes the city is well within its rights. Betras says a couple of states have changed their laws to allow cities to utilize their traffic cameras and issue civil penalties.

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The lawsuit challenging Cleveland's use of red light and speed cameras is tossed out of court. The suit was originally filed on behalf of three motorists nabbed by Cleveland's cameras. It accused the city of setting up a different legal process for handling speeders and red light runners caught by a camera and not an officer. No word on if or when the motorist will re-file the lawsuit.

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Tonight, the I-Team's Tom Merriman blows the lid off a secret arrangement the Frank Jackson administration insists they knew nothing about. It took six weeks and over 30 phone calls from the I-Team, but the mayor's office finally released these public records detailing a disturbing double standard in the city's controversial camera enforcement program. They were supposed to be all about safety.

We now know 97% of the tickets have nothing to do with crashing red lights. These are automated speed traps cranking out \$3.3 million worth of tickets in less than five months. Sylvia Boyd was photographed eight times in just two weeks all on her way to work by this same speed camera on Broadway.

Tom Merriman said apparently Sylvia is simply in the wrong line of work. The I-Team has now identified a special group of drivers caught by the cameras running red lights and speeding through the streets, yet they haven't paid a dime or even seen a ticket. These motorists have had little reason to fear the watchful eye of Big Brother because they are Big Brother. Whether it is a prisoner transport van doing 59 miles an hour down Chester or a city dump truck blowing through a red light while a motorcycle cop is busy just a few feet away, the I-Team has found case after case of government workers nailed by the cameras, yet given a free pass by the system.

Here's the reality. There are 272 government vehicles and most driven by city of Cleveland employees. They are all caught on camera, but not one was issued a ticket. What about RTA bus drivers who crash red lights or this school security guard caught doing 44 miles per hour in a school zone?

ACS, the company which runs the camera program, declined to be interviewed for this story. The Jackson administration says ACS took it upon itself to remove government vehicles from the process which generates tickets. Every time the cameras take a picture, ACS runs the plate and is supposed to send every vehicle's photo to Cleveland Police for review. The vendor works from its own database. City vehicles are not registered. So when it's checking its database for ownership, it's coming up blank. But they've got photographs showing a city truck or Cleveland police cars. You don't need registration to figure out that these are city vehicles.

The city says what the I-Team is describing and the records which have been provided did not make it to them. That means no effort has been made to determine whether 116 marked police vehicles from nine different departments were responding to emergencies or simply breaking the law. None appear to be running lights or sirens.

The mayor's office says department heads will now examine internal records to determine who was behind the wheel of each vehicle at the time of the violation. It is unclear at this point whether other government agencies will cooperate with Cleveland in an effort to hold their employees accountable as well. We intend to follow up with those agencies in the coming days.

Didn't anybody at city hall notice they hadn't received a single ticket for any city cars? They claim they had no idea. But they've also known for six weeks that the I-Team was seeking these records. During that time they didn't take any steps to start ticketing city workers.

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Fall out from the FOX 8 I-Team investigation of Cleveland's red light cameras is shaking the statehouse today. Columbus Bureau Chief John Damschroder is live at the statehouse where restrictions on the cameras are now being debated. The Ohio Legislature will decide in the next week whether red light cameras alone are acceptable as the basis for a traffic citation.

Tonight the chairman of the Senate Committee set to vote on red light camera regulations says Cleveland's alleged misuse of the system will be a big issue at the capitol. Senator Jeff Armbruster says unticketed violations for city owned vehicles in Cleveland shows the need for state rules regulating the use of cameras. The House passed law the senate is currently debating would require a police officer to actually witness a violation to write a ticket. Cleveland is one of many Ohio cities saying that requirement would make red light cameras worthless as a method to extend police presence through technology. But Senate Highways and Transportation Committee Chairman Armbruster says Cleveland's selective enforcement shows the need for state regulation. The question the senate will settle next week is whether the state or the city should fix the problem.

You can see Tom Merriman's full I-Team investigation, sparking this debate, tonight on FOX 8 news at six.

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Tonight, an investigation by the I-Team could change the way the red light camera tickets are handed out. Our investigation has already stirred controversy at Cleveland City Hall. Now it's caught the attention of the Ohio Senate. Members of the Ohio Senate watched today what FOX 8 viewers saw last week. Our report revealed how the cameras have cranked out \$3.3 million worth of tickets in just five months. 97% of those tickets have nothing to do with crashing red lights, and perhaps, most disturbingly how 272 government vehicles have been caught on camera, but not one government driver has been given a ticket.

State Senator Armbruster showed the I-Team report in an effort to win support for legislation placing severe restrictions on the use of automated traffic cameras. Senator Armbruster's bill would permit the use of cameras for red light crashers. But it would require a police officer to be present when cameras are used to catch speeders. The legislation would also ban the practice of paying private vendors a percentage of the revenue they generate. Debate will continue tomorrow.

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The I-Team's Tom Merriman exposed the city of Cleveland's double standard when it came to red light camera tickets. Their investigation revealed that city workers were not receiving tickets like everyone else. The city says that will no longer be the case. Tonight, as a result of the I-Team investigation the city of Cleveland issued this memo that indicates that employees caught by the traffic cameras breaking the law must now pay their tickets by next Wednesday. The city is promising no more free passes. The I-Team investigation could also lead to changes in state law. As a result of the story, the state Senate is considering a plan to limit the use of the cameras.

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Think twice about letting any unpaid parking tickets pile up. Cleveland City Council passed legislation last night which increases late fees. The city plans to use high tech computer software to search out and tow vehicles with multiple unpaid tickets. Over the years, Cleveland tried waiving penalties and other ways to get parking scofflaws to pay up with mixed results. Clerk of

Courts Earle Turner says penalties for being more than 15 days late go from \$5 to \$25 on top of the fine.

Rack up five or more unpaid tickets and you risk being towed. A tow costs more than \$100 these days. The city plans to use not only meter readers, but a specially equipped vehicle actively searching for violators. It will cruise the streets and read license plates by computer. Cleveland residents and commuters have different views on how tough is tough enough.

One more reason for repeat violators to pay up is the city could sic a collection agency on you, even if you live out of state. Cleveland discovered it fell behind the collection rates of other major cities for overdue fines. And they say it is a big problem. 23,000 motorists have five or more unpaid tickets. Enforcement won't take place until the fall after city officials get all the logistics worked out.

ECONOMY

Issue: Gas Prices – Local Effects

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Right down the street from South East Harley Davidson, gas is selling for \$2.85 a gallon. With a motorcycle you can still fill up the tank for about \$10. Along with spring flowers this April will bring some first time bike owners interested in cutting their expense at the gas pump. A powerful Harley can cost \$32,000. Even with our winters, Cleveland has one of the largest numbers of Harley riders in the nation and that number should be growing.

News	April 12, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local/CNN
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Gas prices took a 45-cent jump at the pump yesterday. The Energy Department released its summer driving forecast which predicts prices will average \$2.62 a gallon. That's up 25-cents over last summer. None of that accounts for disruptions in production like we had last year from the hurricanes. Triple-A calls this a conservative prediction. The problem, as always is an increase in demand. Also near record crude prices and some major changes in the industry are driving up what you pay to fill up. It doesn't look like any of this is going to slow drivers down this summer. Surveys show they'll keep up with their vacation plans in spite of rising gas prices.

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High gas prices mean a high instance of gasoline thefts. Stations everywhere are trying to stop it. The people who take gas without paying are leaving gas station owners with no choice but to make you pay before you fill up. If you're paying cash for gasoline, you'll have to walk to the cashier to pay before you pump. They're trying to stop the people who fill up then drive off without paying. Pre-pay isn't convenient for everyone. There are penalties for people who steal gasoline. You can lose your license and face jail time.

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The price at the pump at most area gas stations today jumped up to \$2.89 a gallon. Some people are kicking around other options now. Frank Hartman went into Motorcars Toyota in Cleveland Heights to buy a Toyota Prius a hybrid. It is great on gas and doesn't pollute the air. He doesn't mind shelling out more for the hybrid technology.

In 2000 10,000 hybrids were sold and in 2005 200,000 were sold. Even so that is only 1.2% of the auto market. Motorcars Toyota is about to get in the new Toyota Camry hybrid. The hybrid technology on the vehicle is going to increase the price \$1700 dollars. Saturn is coming out with a hybrid SUV and later this year a hybrid car. Coming up at six we will take a look at what one automaker is doing to get you in the door.

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As gas prices continue to rise out of control, are you looking for a more fuel efficient car? Pat O'Brein Chevrolet in Willoughby Hills has a huge inventory and the fuel economy on most of the cars may surprise you. If you are trading in a 1999 or newer car they are going to give you an added rebate above and beyond any incentives. That is an incentive of \$500 to \$1500 that you can use as a down payment. The Chevy Cobalt is a smaller car and it provides 32 miles per gallon highway.

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At least one station in northeast Ohio is selling gas over \$3 a gallon. At \$3.07, the Shell station on Bagley Road in Middleburg Heights is the highest we've seen. Drivers were still willing to shell out the money. Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States says he expects prices to stay the same for the next two or three years.

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Now that gas prices have broken the \$3 barrier, President Bush is proposing new measures to stem the tide of rising prices. The President says he's trying to increase the supply of oil on the market and make it easier to refine. On the streets of Cleveland, many consumers are not buying it. The owner of the Shell station at East 55th and St. Clair bears the brunt of the complaints, but points out he raises the prices when the oil companies raise their prices and his profit margin is pennies on the gallon. Today, President Bush announced that he's halting this summer's purchase of crude oil for the U.S.'s emergency reserve. Clevelanders doubt it will have much of an impact.

The President is also ordering a temporary suspension of environmental rules for gasoline, making it easier for refiners to meet demand, which could cause prices to drop. The operator of the station says the new measures are a good start. He says if the President wants to lower prices, he needs to cut gasoline taxes.

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It has been suggested adjusting the gas tax could make a difference. With every gallon of gas you put in your car or truck you're paying a tax. While many experts argue supply and demand, unrest in Nigeria, and tensions with Venezuela drive up the price of gas, others blame the gas tax. Right now in Ohio for every gallon of gas you buy, there's a 28 cent state tax and a 16 cent federal tax. Ohio ranks among the highest when it comes to gas taxes. Our neighbors in Pennsylvania pay 30 cents.

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News	April 27, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

News April 28, 2006 5:00PM TRT 0:48 CNN
 President Bush once again spoke out on the rapidly rising gas prices. In a Rose Garden press conference, the President says, at this point, there's no evidence of price gouging of consumers. The President also rejected calls for a tax on oil company profits saying the industry should re-invest windfalls in efforts to produce more energy. The President's speech comes as Chevron Corporation reported their first-quarter profits have soared 49% to \$4billion dollars.

News April 28, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:46 Local
 The gas prices are not only affecting people at the pumps. Businesses are feeling the crunch, and in turn, they are passing the cost on to you. One company we talked to in Medina says their fuel expenses have more than tripled in just the last two years and a portion of that expense is being passed on to their customers. C. Martin trucking is a company that specializes in waste collection. It services residential customers, as well as commercial and industrial businesses. In the last two years, their fuel expenses have more than tripled.

Lloyd's Towing in Medina says its customers may soon have to pay a fuel surplus charge. C. Martin trucking says its customers are already paying 8% more on their monthly rate and it might go up even more. Kevin Winkler, who owns Wink Landscaping, says his trucks are burning up to \$1,000 a week in fuel. Winkler says he and his employees no longer travel long distances to do a job. They keep it all in the Medina area because of the rising cost of gasoline. The owner of C. Martin trucking says rising fuel costs are also affecting him as a customer. He says the tires on his trucks have gone up 12%, and steel is up 50%.

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News May 1, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:32 Local
 You've probably heard about Giant Eagle's program where you can get ten cents off a gallon of gas for every \$50 you spend. What you may not realize is the store sells gift cards for other stores and restaurants, places like Home Depot, Old Navy, Starbucks and Pizza Hut. You can only get the fuel rewards at Giant Eagle gas stations, and once you fill up, they reset back to zero.

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News May 3, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:22 Local
 Consumers continue to take a hit from high gas prices, but so do programs that rely on donations. Senior centers such as Cleveland's Golden Age Center keep people on the go with meals, trips and social activities. Now with high gas prices, more seniors are taking advantage of their van services, but filling up one van can cost as much as \$90. That's causing problems for programs like Meals on Wheels which visits 300,000 homes a year. Golden Age Centers of Cleveland says they're grateful for donations from private contributors which keep the senior programs going.

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News May 4, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:19 Local
 When it comes to getting around town more and more drivers are turning to the RTA. The Transit Authority is now running Greyhound style motor coaches during rush hour. Plus the RTA says you don't have to deal with the stress of driving and parking. Unfortunately the RTA may not be a good option for everyone. Some lines only run at peak times and transfers to the suburbs can add several hours to the daily commute.

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Summer vacations are just around the corner and there is no doubt gas prices are already influencing how people will travel to get there. Whether you travel to your summer vacation destination in your car, or by air, you will pay for fuel. Which is more economical?

With gas prices soaring, some people believe it is better to fly. While you might find a bargain on a short flight to someplace like Washington, DC or New York City once you multiply that price by the number of people in your family, even with gas at \$3 a gallon, it becomes cheaper to drive. For long trips, say to Orlando, however, there are other considerations. Even with gas prices rising, you might still find driving will save you money. Triple A expects more people to rent cars for family vacations. It saves on the wear and tear of your family car, and you might get a more fuel efficient vehicle.

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Some local drivers get a pleasant surprise at the pump, when gas prices mistakenly drop to just a few cents a gallon. Around seven last night at a Marathon station in Bedford, store managers say a computer glitch at the pumps started pricing gas between three and 45 cents a gallon. Police had to tape off the area to avoid a mob scene. Everything is back to normal at the station today. The owner didn't say how much money he lost during the rush.

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News	May 11, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:56	Local
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Every time you fill up, it's hard not to notice all the offers to sign up for a new gasoline credit card. Many of the cards are offering special incentives like cash rebates or free \$25 gift cards. If you sign on the bottom line, make sure you're familiar with the fine print. The Shell card for example, has an annual percentage rate of nearly 22.5%, and if you miss a payment, the rate shoots up to 31.49%. If you are able to pay your credit card balance every month, the card offers may help you put some extra cash in your wallet. But take the time to read the fine print carefully.

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News	May 16, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:45	Local
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During the fuel crisis of the 70's, auto makers scrambled to make efficient cars. Now the demand for subcompact cars has flared up again. The Chevy Aveo is one of the leaders of the subcompact resurgence but now the field is getting more crowded. Most of us have never heard of the Honda FIT. With gas prices so high many drivers are not looking at these subcompacts as substandard. These are not the econo boxes of the 70's. The folks at Bedford Nissan are expecting the brand new Versa in one month. It offers economy plus some glitz. Just by simple physics a small car is not always the safest car but a stick shift stripped down subcompact can start at \$10,000. Load them up and you can expect to pay \$16000 give or take. The bigger Chevy Cobalts are getting impressive gas mileage as well.

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The rising cost of gas is now affecting your produce aisle. Lots of fresh fruits and vegetables are shipped to northeast Ohio from California and Florida. That requires diesel fuel. Many vendors are cutting sales by half due to the cost of shipping. They say it takes about \$4,000 to haul produce from California to Cleveland. Some vendors are now offering to pay for a driver's gas with fruit. Produce prices are expected to climb higher this summer.

Additional reports

News	May 23, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	May 23, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:24	Local

News May 28, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:50 Local
 If you thought filling up your car was expensive, imagine filling-up your boat. On Lake Erie and across the country, the rising gas prices have some people thinking twice about their summer boating. It's become an expensive hobby that is not only affecting boat owners. People who rent jet ski's and other water toys are also being forced to raise their prices. The captain of the Good Time III says it's unfortunate, and he hopes it doesn't ruin northeast Ohio's boating reputation. A recent survey by the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company say prices would have to double before boaters would think about changing their lifestyle.

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News	May 29, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:48	Local
News	May 29, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:48	Local

News May 30, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:35 Local
 Many area school districts are now facing some hard choices because of the high price at the gas pump. The Parma School bus fleet logs more than 5200 miles a day to transport their students. The jump at the pump has them budgeting \$500,000 more for next year. That's enough to pay for 13 new teachers. School officials now have their hands full looking for ways to cut corners. The Parma schools are also looking into biodiesel fuel, a blend made from soybean oil, as a way to save money. But they still need to find out how well it will work in their older buses.

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News	May 31, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	May 31, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News June 1, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:30 Local
 A major car maker is looking to move more vehicles off the lot. In the days of soaring gas prices, they're hoping a new incentive will do it. If you buy just about any Ford car or truck, you'll get a debit card good for \$1,000 worth of free gas. To qualify for the free gas card, you have to buy a new Ford vehicle between now and the end of July.

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News June 29, 2006 Noon TRT 1:35 Local
 Just in time for holiday travel, gas prices took a huge jump at the pump. It is \$2.99 at all three stations on East 185th as it is in many locations. The national average is actually a little lower at \$2.92. You can find it that low if you look around a bit. A couple blocks away from here, we found gas at 2.89. Across town on Clifton Boulevard it was \$3.01 at the Shell station just off the shoreway. A year ago we were complaining when it hit \$2.24. That was the national average this day last year. To see this kind of a jump in a day is shocking to everyone.

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Issue: Nun Murder

News	April 18, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:06	CNN
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Jury selection continues today in Toledo where a priest is standing trial for murder. The woman he's accused of killing is a nun, whose death took decades to solve. When a nun was found murdered in Toledo, Ohio more than a quarter century ago, Father Gerald Robinson presided over her funeral mass. Now he's standing trial charged with being the murderer.

The body of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl was found in a hospital chapel the day before Easter 26 years ago. The wounds on her chest and neck resembled a cross. A bloody altar cloth covered her body. Former Toledo police officer Dave Davison was among those first on the scene. "We knew she had been strangled because of the marks on the neck. We knew that she had been stabbed and it looked like a rape. So we're thinking this has to be some kind of butcher." Officer Davison says when he talked with people only one name came up as a suspect, Father Robinson. They were claiming he was an alcoholic, who had a temper and had struck nuns before, but nobody was ever arrested and the case went cold.

Robinson, a chaplain at the hospital where the killing took place, remained an active priest until 2003, when a Toledo woman came forward alleging she was sexually abused as a child by catholic priests, including Robinson, in the local diocese during satanic rituals. Details of that case remain murky.

But the investigation into Sister Margaret Ann Paul's murder reopened. The priest was arrested, alleged to have stabbed the nun with a letter opener. Investigators say bloodstains on that weapon matched those from the altar cloth. The policeman who found the nun's body claims police weren't aggressive with the case years ago because it was helping to protect the church. The department today says it will not comment about that charge. Davison says the church still holds sway in this heavily catholic city.

Opening statements will begin as early as Thursday. If convicted, Gerald Robinson faces the possibility of spending the rest of his life in prison. Many parishioners in Toledo remain loyal to Father Robinson, who is free on bond. Although he's been placed on leave, he is allowed to wear his collar.

News	April 21, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	CNN
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Father Gerald Robinson is accused of strangling and stabbing sister Margaret Ann Pahl in 1980. Prosecutors opened their case by describing father Robinson as a loner. Investigators have never disclosed a motive in the killing and prosecutors are not expected to prove why Father Robinson allegedly killed the nun. Later today jurors are expected to tour the hospital chapel where Sister Pahl's body was found.

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It was the night before Easter more than a quarter of a century ago. Sister Margaret Ann Pahl was murdered in Toledo. She was 71 years old. Has father Gerald Robinson gotten away with murder for the last 26 years? Prosecutors say he was the man responsible. Margaret Ann Pahl was murdered. Someone choked her and then in perhaps in a ritualistic fashion stabbed her 31 times. Father Gerald Robinson was initially a suspect but the case never materialized until someone else came forward accusing him of questionable behavior.

Why could this killing have been part of some ritual? Besides all of the stabbing wounds there were cross like marks made on her neck and chest. After the killing she was covered with a bloody altar cloth. Prosecutors in the case say that a letter opener has been recovered from Robinson. Its shape matches the wounds Sister Margaret Ann Pahl sustained. After opening arguments, members of the jury left the courthouse to view the scene of the crime.

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News	April 21, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local/CNN

News	April 24, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:28	Local/FOX
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Today's witness believes some type of ritual was involved in the death of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl. Sister Phyllis Ann Gerald remembers the day her friend, Sister Margaret was found dead. The sisters discovered the body of Sister Margaret Ann in the sacristy of the chapel. The way the body was found still haunts sister Phyllis Ann. The sister describes the positioning of the body as ritualistic. Police say Sister Margaret Ann was stabbed, but Sister Phyllis says she saw no blood. Police also say there were cross-like marks on her neck and chest.

Father Gerald Robinson is accused of killing sister Margaret Ann. The two were acquainted. Sister Phyllis Ann says the two prepared every liturgy together. Sister Phyllis Ann says she remembers she couldn't find him the day the body was found. Prosecutors also believe a letter

opener owned by Father Robinson was the murder weapon. Father Robinson, who is now free on bail, could get life in prison if convicted of murder. He cannot get the death penalty because it was not in effect at the time of the crime.

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News	April 25, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	April 25, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 25, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:24	Local
News	April 25, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	April 25, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

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Reverend Gerald Robinson is accused of stabbing the nun to death with a letter opener in 1980. A forensic pathologist for the Lucas County coroner's office was on the stand for most of the day. There was a lot of discussion about the original autopsy.

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News	April 26, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	April 26, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 26, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:20	Local
News	April 26, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:35	Local
News	April 26, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:50	Local

News	April 26, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:00	Local
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There was eye-opening testimony today in the trial of a priest accused of murdering a nun more than two decades ago. DNA found on Sister Margaret Ann Pahl cannot be linked to the priest accused of killing her. There was testimony potentially damaging to the Reverend Eugene Robinson. According to testimony in a Toledo courtroom Wednesday, a blood stain on the sister's forehead could be a match for the letter opener which belonged to Robinson. Prosecutors point out the entire altar cloth was not tested for Robinson's DNA.

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News	April 27, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 27, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 27, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:35	Local

News	April 27, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
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More DNA testimony was heard in the trial of a Father Robinson today. Forensic experts fail to establish a connection between Father Robinson and his alleged victim Sister Margaret Ann Pahl. Today, several forensic experts took the stand and presented the results of their tests on the nun's fingernails, and clothing. However a blood stain on an altar cloth may link Robinson to the nun's death.

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News	April 27, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

News	April 28, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:48	Local/CNN
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Besides today's regular crime scene testimony, jurors also heard more about the murdered nun's personality. Thanks to a cleaning lady who worked for her, Sister Margaret Ann once again became a living person.

Earlier in the day, jurors heard testimony about security at the nun's convent, and also about the great amount of blood found at the murder scene in the hospital chapel.

Additional reports

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News	April 28, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:32	Local

News	May 1, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:36	Local
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Was a murdered nun the victim of a satanic ritual? Jurors heard testimony linking the death to more than a just a civil crime, but one also intended to insult heaven itself. Today's testimony focused on the fact that the nun's death was allegedly intended as an insult to God.

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News	May 4, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:23	Local/Court TV
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Prosecutors presented powerful testimony in the trial of a priest accused of murdering a nun 26 years ago. Two witnesses place Father Robinson near the hospital chapel at about the time Sister Margaret Ann was killed there. A third witness really dominated this day. Father Robinson was a hospital chaplain with living quarters in the hospital. Sister Pahl was the hospital caretaker and she made it known she wasn't happy about the Easter service Robinson planned for the next day. He's told investigators he was just getting out of the shower when he got a call telling him of Sister Pahl's murder.

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News	May 5, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:08	Local
News	May 5, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local/Court TV

News	May 8, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local/Court TV
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The trial of the Toledo priest, accused of murdering a nun, 26-years ago, is wrapping up. The defense rested this afternoon, after trying to convince the jury that the evidence against Father Robinson may have been compromised. Several forensic scientists took the stand today, including a forensic anthropologist, who has helped inspire some of the stories for Fox's hit television show, Bones. She testified that investigators who inserted the alleged murder weapon, father Robinson's letter opener, into the jawbone of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl's exhumed body, may have damaged the murdered nun's jaw.

Defense attorneys also called a former deputy chief of Toledo police to the stand to show that the priest was not given preferential treatment by officers when he was first considered a suspect. The defense rested this afternoon without putting the accused murderer on the stand. Wednesday the jury will hear closing arguments and begin deliberations. If convicted Father Robinson could spend the rest of his life behind bars

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News	May 9, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

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We could know in a matter of hours if Father Robinson is guilty of the murder of a nun 26 years ago. Prosecutors argued that it had to be Robinsons who committed the crime. Defense attorneys just started their closing arguments. The jury should get the case after lunch.

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A jury is now deciding, the fate of a priest accused of murdering a nun, in Toledo 26 years ago. After nine days of testimony, prosecutors and defense lawyers had their last chance to sway the jury. The defense argued DNA evidence does not implicate Father Robinson. The jury stopped deliberating at 7:45 tonight.

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The verdict in this much publicized murder trial comes after nine days of testimony. The jury of seven women and five men deliberated for six hours to find father Gerald Robinson guilty of the 71-year-old nun. Father Robinson's attorneys say they were shocked by the verdict. While he

was immediately sentenced to life in prison, the priest may be eligible for parole after 15-years. His lawyers say he plans to appeal. Father Robinson will be processed at the Lucas County Jail and then sent to facility in Warren.

Additional reports

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News	May 11, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:41	Local
News	May 11, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:51	Local/CNN
News	May 12, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	May 12, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:52	Local
News	May 12, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	May 12, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News June 7, 2006 Noon TRT 0:25 Local
The first step in the appeal process for Father Robinson who was convicted of the murder of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl is underway. His attorneys filed documents in court yesterday but did not outline reasons for the appeal. He is now serving a 15 year to life sentence.

Issue: Internet Hazards

News April 24, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:05 Local
An anonymous tape connecting a police officer to an adult website has forced an investigation. The Sagamore Hills Police Department was told that an off duty policeman was using a web-cam and touching himself inappropriately while wearing a police shirt. The video was allegedly posted on a website called adultfriendfinder.com. Someone apparently made copies of the video and sent them to the police chief and the township trustees. The part-time officer is on paid administrative leave.

A spokesperson from the Ohio attorney general's office says the officer's conduct was not illegal. He could face discipline within the department leading to his dismissal.

Additional reports

News	April 25, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	April 25, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:49	Local

News April 28, 2006 10:00PM TRT 1:42 FOX
One in five children receives unwanted sexual offers online. Now America's Most Wanted host, John Walsh, is fighting back. He confronts the creeps, preying on children. He went to the front lines of the war on child predators to see how a special internet task force in New York is taking accused predators off the street. Walsh says "I don't think people really know how dangerous the internet is and how much danger their kids have." He watched as they set up their sting. Cops say this guy thinks he's coming to have sex with an underage girl who he's been chatting with online. But it's really an undercover cop. The excuses from the predators are unbelievable.

If your child is between the ages of 10 and 17, they could be particularly at risk. See what law enforcement is doing, to keep them safe. America's Most Wanted has a special edition tomorrow night at 9 right here on FOX 8.

Additional reports

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News April 29, 2006 10:00PM TRT 4:00 Local
Tonight the focus was New York, but America's Most Wanted is taking their battle nationwide. In addition to catching criminals the show is also honoring those fighting back. One of the officers that will be honored later this month is Vermilion patrolman Larry Miller. He helped create a task force to bust internet sex predators and was recently voted as one of America's Most Wanted's all stars. Officer Miller says it's plain and simple, you have got to keep the kids safe.

America's Most Wanted's Michelle Sagona joins us live from the shows crime center. She explained the main goal of this month-long crackdown. They will talk about why the show's host John Walsh takes this issue so close to heart.

News May 4, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:15 Local
The other shoe has dropped on a suburban police officer suspended last month for an incident on the internet while in uniform. The patrolman has been fired, even though the lewd behavior happened inside his home and while he was off duty.

An investigation has revealed that Sagamore Hills Police Patrolman Michael Massey was in uniform when he used a webcam in his home in Twinsburg to capture images of him pleasuring himself. The video was posted on a swinger website called adultfriendfinder.com. Massey was initially placed on paid administrative leave from the Sagamore Hills police force. Thursday, he was given this termination notice for the lewd behavior that the police chief says brought shame to the department and constituted immorality. Massey has been fired even though the Ohio attorney general's office and the Summit County Sheriff's Department concluded his behavior was not illegal.

In the end, Massey must live with the fact that his police career was done in by his libido and his willingness to share it on the internet. Massey has the option of appealing the decision to fire him. The case could also end up in civil court as a lawsuit.

Additional reports

News May 5, 2006 5:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News May 10, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:54 Local
Can the internet ruin your future or maybe prevent you from getting that promotion or stop you from getting into college, or from landing your dream job? It's happening. When you go online to sites like facebook, myspace and xanga, did you ever consider who else you're connecting with?

Greg Seiberts Director of Security for Kent State University says he constantly roams the net and warns students. "If you have posted rambunctious photos of drinking, parties, drugs or things that might be fun or silly to post now they might come back to haunt you ." Everyone should be cognizant of what they post.

Many companies believe background checks are entirely justified when you consider the cost of hiring the wrong person from training expenses to termination costs, benefits to law suits. Fortune Magazine found "at least half of all new hires don't work out." From the Wall Street Journal: "34% of all applications contain outright lies." The Dept of Commerce says 30% of all business failures are due to poor hiring, costing companies thousands of dollars. It's a lot cheaper to run a background check or web search.

Experts say it's a good idea to run random searches on your name to see what is out there. And it's also important for us to tell you that News Corp., the parent company of Fox-8 owns myspace.com.

Additional reports

News May 11, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:54 Local

News May 11, 2006 10:00PM TRT 3:03 Local
The internet used as a weapon. From teenagers to corporate executives, many people are finding their personal information, popping up online. Some have had lies spread about them.. Others have been threatened. How can you protect yourself?

Several Fox 8 viewers became victims of cyber sneaks and cyber bullies. The worst part is they didn't even know it was happening. This woman we'll call Jennifer is petrified. Pictures of her 2 year old daughter turned up posted on the web along with personal information. Jennifer says her ex-boyfriend, whom she has a protective order against, posted the photos. Warren Parks, a teacher at Beford High School also became a victim.

Parks teaches web design and computer graphics but none of that prevented him from being targeted on line. One day at school, students started approaching him about him being on a web site. Someone had apparently taken pictures from a ballroom dance club web page and began posing as Parks.

The problem is by the time you know something has even been posted about you the damage is already done. To protect yourself run an internet search on your name and see what pops up then you and take action. Attorney Jack Landskroner says know your rights. You can get the information taken off the web. First contact the website. If you put the company on notice in writing the responsibility then shifts to them for whets been improperly posted. That worked for Warren Parks. Within 24 hours they took down the web page. If you feel threatened as in the case of Jennifer also contact the authorities. If all else fails you may want to consider contacting a lawyer but unfortunately even that may not be enough.

It's important for us to tell you that News Corp, the parent company of Fox-8 owns myspace.com. They have recently appointed a new safety czar to protect users. You can also contact your representatives and demand legislation do something about what is happening on line

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News	May 14, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:31	Local
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Police say he was looking for a 15-year-old girl but ended up getting nabbed by an undercover police officer. It's the latest in a batch of sex stings by one local police department. This latest arrest is among a growing trend. More and more police departments are now dedicating man hours to have officers pretend to be young boys and girls online. People who live in Vermilion just love it here and now people here realizing how much they love their police department.

Vermilion Police have arrested their latest person to make contact with an officer online. This time the officer was posing as a 15-year-old girl. He initially said that was too young, then continued with the conversation, he requested pictures, wanted to know the breast size.

Police say 25-year-old Christopher Pumphrey of Strongsville came to Vermilion and was arrested. He told police he was a bail bondsman. Police say who knows what Christopher Pumphrey would have done if he indeed had met a 15-year-old girl instead of a police office. He actually requested on the initial meeting that she wear a skirt with no panties and topless. Vermillion Police say this is the twentieth time they've arrested somebody for being an internet predator within the past year.

Vermilion Police say they have actually had communication from people all over the country, from Texas, California, everywhere.

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News	May 17, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 3:59	Local/CNN
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You've probably seen the ads for free ipods. What if we told you, you could also get free designer bags, flat screen tvs, and much, much more. But these internet companies don't just hand the stuff out. Several want you to sign up for credit cards. Others have you complete a series of surveys. Some you buy cd's, dvd's, or magazines and often you're asked to register your friends.

Sandy Prebil, with the Better Business Bureau, calls it clever marketing. Each company's different and there's one big concern. They all require you to submit personal information. This March the New York attorney general's office sued Gratis Incorporated, one of the largest companies offering free stuff. The attorney general called it "the largest deliberate breach of privacy in internet history." Gratis, Inc. promised users they wouldn't sell or lend their information to anyone but the attorney general found that they "repeatedly violated these promises." Who did they sell it to? It was shared with companies who may call you, spam you, and harass you for next 3 years.

In a previous Fox 8 story Gratis owner Peter Martin said they'd given out thousands of free Ipods, and he explained, by phone how it works. "Basically we're dropping a customer, not at their door but inside their door signed up for their service, so they are willing to pay pretty high bounties for the delivery."

Not surprisingly Gratis Inc. has received an unsatisfactory rating from the Better Business Bureau." But if you still want to give it a try follow these guidelines. First check with the BBB to get the company's history, next save copies of everything you sign up for, and read the fine print so you know how to cancel. Finally watch your credit card bills for unknown charges. If you believe you are a victim of an internet scam involving free Ipods and stuff, call the Better Business Bureau.

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News	June 1, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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It's a website where teens chat with their friends, and make new ones. Tonight two men are accused of raping two teens they met on the popular myspace.com. Millions of people use myspace.com to post their own web pages or chat with their friends. Two local girls found out sexual predators also use it to find their victims. 21-year old Albert Azolino of Broadview heights and 33-year old Timothy Norman of Peninsula are behind bars, charged with several counts of rape and other charges. They were indicted and arrested yesterday. Cuyahoga County prosecutors say in September they met 13 and 14 year old girls from Strongsville on myspace.com. They took the girls to Azolino's home in Broadview Heights twice where both of the men had sex with the girls. Days later one of the girls told her mother, who called police. Because one of the girls was 13-years old, the men could face the rest of their lives in prison, if convicted.

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Ohio is among the top five states in the country, for something bad. We're high on the list for the number of sexual predators targeting children online. Law enforcement agencies are meeting to try and change this. 150 detectives from all over the state gathered today - right in Cleveland.

It's a room full of police officers from all over Ohio. They're all going through basic training. It's the second annual Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children conference. Detectives from 82 of the 88 counties in Ohio share what they have learned posing as children. Today we heard about a case in Massillon earlier this month. Not only are officers and prosecutors sharing information, but so are national experts. Ohio places in the top five in the volume of complaints regarding offenders who are living here and children who are living here. The National Centers for Missing and Exploited Children now has a website called cybertipline.com. We encourage any citizen who has any information on potential child sexual exploitation, whether it happens online or off, to make a report to the cybertipline and we'll get it into the hands of the right law enforcement agency.

The center gets an average of 1500 reports on the site per week. That website also has a lot of other useful information, for parents. If anyone wants to get to this website go to Fox8Cleveland.com and click on web alert.

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News	June 29, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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A northeast Ohio teen is back home tonight after she ran away with a man by exchanging text messages on her cell phone. That man is behind bars tonight and police have yet another

warning for parents about teens and electronics. Police believe the 14-year old girl met the 19-year old Pennsylvania man over the internet but say the two planned their rendezvous with secret messages on a cell phone.

Tuesday afternoon parents of a 14-year old girl file a missing persons report when she fails to come home from summer classes at Westlake High School. Summer school dismisses at noon, she doesn't come home, but her bicycle's still there. After a few hours of frantic searching, police discovered the girl had made arrangements to meet a man she may have met over the internet after school, by exchanging text messages on their cell phones.

Parents told police they had taken the cell phone away from her because she had been text messaging males out of state and they were concerned. What they didn't know is she had gone and gotten a disposable cell phone and resumed contact with these people. Investigators, including the FBI, discovered the girl was talking to 19-year old Travis Defibaugh. They found the two at his parents home in Waterfall, Pennsylvania in the south-central part of the state.

"We've probably talked the internet to death, about monitoring what your kids are looking at, but I think you have to do the same things with cell phones, as apparently these parents did, you can't just rely on the internet, you have to check the cell phone...who are they calling, what are the messages?"

Police believe Defibaugh also had sex with the 14-year old at some point during the trip. "Somewhere between Ohio and Pennsylvania, but our prosecutor considers it just one part in a continuing course of conduct that started with her getting into this guy's car and leaving, so we think we have venue." Pennsylvania state police tell us the boy's parents knew the girl was at the house yesterday afternoon but claim they were told she was 18. The FBI is investigating more to determine whether federal charges should be filed, since Defibaugh took the girl across state lines.

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News	June 30, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	June 30, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
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RELIGION/MORALITY

Issue: Cleveland Catholic Diocese

News	April 3, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:17	Local
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A sex scandal rocks a local church. Police say a longtime pastor was being blackmailed with sex. The pastor has now stepped down.

Father Tom Carolan who had been the pastor at St. Jude's in Warrensville Heights since 1990 told police a number of church checks had come up missing. During their questioning police say they also found out about a plot against the priest to extort money from him. Police say two sisters now under arrest threatened to tell Father Carolan's superiors they had sex with him. We may learn much more about these two sisters and exactly what allegedly happened between them and Father Tom Carolan. The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has already asked for Father Carolan's resignation. The diocese is also reviewing all parish records to find out exactly how much money is missing.

Additional reports

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Pope Benedict the 16th has chosen a replacement for Bishop Anthony Pilla. The former acting bishop of Boston, Richard Gerard Lennon, will lead Cleveland Catholics. He is 59 years old, a native of Massachusetts, ordained a priest in 1973.

For 14 months Lennon served as the acting bishop of the archdiocese of Boston after the priest pedophile scandal drove out Bishop Bernard Law. He says he accepted the call to serve, but admittedly knows very little about Cleveland and Ohio. Bishop Lennon says in his short time leading the Boston flock, he tackled tough issues, including parish closings and settlements for the victims of priest abuse. Bishop Lennon's formal installation is set to take place on May 15, making Bishop Lennon the tenth bishop of the Cleveland Diocese. He has big shoes to fill. Bishop Pilla led this diocese for 25 years, making him the longest serving bishop ever.

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News	April 5, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	April 5, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 5, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

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Bishop Lennon's new diocese shares a distinction with his old one; both have been rocked by the clergy sex abuse scandal. Boston's approach has been different than Cleveland's. Unlike Cleveland, Boston attempted to settle with every victim at once. That may be because information on how church leaders dealt with the scandal was coming out in lawsuits. In Cleveland, the statute of limitations on some victims suits, and the rules surrounding our grand jury investigation, have combined to allow the diocese to keep more information secret. When Bernard Cardinal Law was forced to resign in Boston over the clergy sex abuse scandal, Bishop Lennon led that archdiocese on an interim basis.

Today, he spoke favorably of Boston's decision to reach a global settlement with all its victims. While Boston had over 500 victims, the Cleveland Diocese scandal is almost double that size. Over 1000 people made allegations to the county prosecutor during his grand jury investigation.

At the state capitol last week, victims groups lobbied to get a one-year window, or exception, to the statute of limitations to file old claims. They were rebuffed by Republicans in the Ohio House, who instead were heckled by victims as they entered the House chamber to vote for a bill supported by the church. In Boston, Bishop Lennon was criticized by victims groups for allowing subpoenas to be issued to victims' therapists and for allegedly continuing Cardinal Law's hard-line approach. A victims group said of his appointment to Cleveland despite years of horrific scandal, little has changed at the top of the Catholic power structure. But in Ohio, power could shift to Democrats in the fall elections, which could revive the one year window and allow more suits against the church. Bishop Lennon said today that in Boston he thought a global settlement made sense because the alternative was years of lawsuits. There would obviously be more pressure on the Cleveland Diocese to reach a global settlement if the one-year window is ever put into effect. California allowed a window, which generated 900 new lawsuits and revealed a lot of previously undisclosed information about how church leaders there dealt with victims and the scandal.

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After 25 years, Bishop Anthony Pilla delivered his last Easter message as head of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. Bishop Pilla thanked parishioners at St. John Cathedral for their support and they greeted him with a standing ovation. During his Easter message, the bishop says the resurrection of Jesus shows that even in tough times, good things are ahead. The bishop says he'll miss the people the most when he steps down next month. Bishop Pilla says he plans to stay in Cleveland after he retires.

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News	April 17, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	April 17, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 17, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 17, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:49	Local

News April 27, 2006 10:00PM TT 5:31 Local
 A major lawsuit in the Cleveland Catholic crisis that started with a Fox 8 I-Team investigation has ended with a large settlement. I-Team reporter Bill Sheil, broke this story four years ago and tonight tells us the settlement is reportedly around a half a million dollars.

The boy at the center of the story is today a man approaching middle age. Chris Kodger has arrived back in his hometown almost exactly a quarter century since a priest molested him. In 1981, 14 year old Chris Kodger told his parents he was sexually assaulted by Father James Mulica in the rectory of the Church of the Divine Word in Kirtland. The Kodger's say they spoke to Bishop Pilla twice the night of their son's attack. The family eventually reached a settlement with Mulica and the diocese for \$43,500, a settlement Bishop Pilla signed. Mulica would later be moved to churches in Elyria and Cleveland near children who attended parish schools. The Kodger's said they couldn't believe that Mulica was placed back in parish life near children.

Four years ago, a spokesman confirmed to the I-Team that the Diocese had given the Kodger's the assurance that Mulica would not be near children. But the spokesman went on to say the Kodger's were contacted in 1983 and did not object to Mulica being re-assigned to parish work after treatment for alcoholism. The Kodger's angrily denied that and sued the Diocese for defamation. In defense, the diocese said a priest had conferred with the Kodger's before Mulica was reassigned to parish work. The priest who supposedly handled that 1983 consultation was Father Edward Weist. Under oath in a deposition last year, he wasn't so sure.

In an apology to the Kodger's dated Tuesday of this week, Bishop Pilla writes of what was said to the I-Team: "Please know that I sincerely regret that those statements were made." The bishop calls "inadvertent" any possible inaccuracies in the statements as well as any adverse light the statements might have cast upon the Kodger family. By settling, the Diocese avoids the possibility of Bishop Pilla having to testify under oath again in court as he did last year in a deposition. Over the last few years, the Bishop has given differing answers to similar questions about whether he has moved suspected pedophile priests from parish to parish. We contacted the Diocese today about our story. A spokesman told us all the Diocese has to say is that the matter has been resolved and the Diocese is moving on.

Additional reports

News	April 28, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 4:54	Local
News	April 28, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 5:11	Local

News	May 13, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:17	Local
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This is an important weekend for Catholics in northeast Ohio. The 10th bishop in the history of the Diocese will be installed. Cleveland is the 16th largest diocese in the country. Bishop Lennon will be spiritual leader to close to 800,000 Catholics. He chooses to see each parishioner as an individual and is looking forward to making Cleveland his new home.

Additional reports

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News	May 14, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:17	Local

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The Catholic community in northeast Ohio is preparing for the installation of the new bishop. The number of people who get to be inside the church for the installation tomorrow is limited. On the eve of his installation as the tenth bishop of the Cleveland Diocese the Reverend Richard Lennon entered Saint John's church with some of his newest parishioners looking on. Lennon spoke to the congregation through song and prayer.

Additional reports

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News	May 15, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:01	Local
News	May 15, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:01	Local
News	May 15, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	May 15, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	May 15, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:55	Local

News May 15, 2006 5:00PM TRT 3:00 Local
 More than 300 priests and bishops gathered at Saint John's Cathedral, for the installation of the new leader of Cleveland's Catholic Diocese. Fox 8 news reporter Suzanne Stratford joins us live from St. John's Cathedral where the installation ceremony is still underway. They had to cancel part of the procession because of weather. A letter from Pope Benedict was read.

Additional reports

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News	May 15, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local
News	May 16, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:15	Local
News	May 16, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	May 16, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	May 16, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:35	Local

News May 15, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:07 Local
 Cleveland area Catholics say they're excited about their new leader as they learn more about him. The weather today is far from ideal, but local Catholics who were invited to the installation mass say they wouldn't miss it.

Additional reports

News	May 15, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:25	Local
News	May 15, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

News May 25, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:51 Local
 A local church was rocked by their priest's sudden decision to step down. The reason is celibacy. A local priest doesn't think he can honor that vow anymore, so he's stepping down. This is a priest that's been in the Cleveland area for more than two decades. In a letter to his parishioners, Father Kevin Shemuga announced he was stepping down as priest at Saint Stanislaus Church in Lorain. Many people in Lorain are supporting his decision to step down. Right now, Father Shemuga is calling his departure from the church, a leave of absence. The bishop has already appointed a new priest to Saint Stanislaus.

Additional reports

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ENVIRONMENT

Issue: Flooding Issues

News June 22, 2006 Noon TRT 8:46 Local
 Several northeast Ohio counties are dealing with massive wide spread flooding. We've got multiple crews covering the damage. Tree branches go flying in a lightning strike, hitting a neighbor's house and rupturing a gas line. Lightning is the cause of a fire that struck not one but two houses in University Heights. 10 inches of rain forced hundreds of gallons of water through the streets of Huron County. Parts of Norwalk are underwater. Flood warnings are still in effect. There is so much water the biggest of vehicles can barely make their way through the streets. What's worse, more rain could be on the way. There is a state of emergency in Huron County because of the flooding. The heavy rain has stopped, but many people still can't get to their homes.

We take you to Port Clinton right now. The heavy rains quickly swallowed area roads. Most of the city's major intersections were underwater during the height of the storm. Pumps were working overtime just to keep up with the falling rain. The sheriff's office says the flooding is county-wide, but the worst of it is in the Port Clinton area.

In Madison a bolt of lightning hit a pine tree and that tree literally exploded. Branches and slivers of woods riddled this home. Glass was shattered, holes were ripped through the roof and siding. The phone was blown off the wall and branches of the tree also chewed a hole in the gas line. Pieces of the huge pine were found two to three houses away. Luckily, the victims were able to use their cell phones to call for help. The amount of damage is now being assessed with a lot of cleaning up to do.

Lightning is also believed to be the cause of a fire in University Heights. One family escaped, but then they noticed their neighbor's home was also on fire, likely hit by a second lightning bolt. The family claims they called 911 more than a half hour before fire crews arrived on scene. Most of the damage was on the upper levels of the homes where the lightning likely hit.

A water main break is adding to the headaches on the road this morning. This is what it looked like around 4am along the I-90 Eastbound exit ramp to 55th. Some cars made it through the water but others weren't so lucky. Part of the shoreway was shutdown for a short time due to all the water. Crews got most of the lanes re-opened in time for rush hour.

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A state of emergency is declared, as streets turn into streams, and roads turn into rivers. Hundreds of people were evacuated. Others are trapped and had to be rescued from their homes. As much as ten inches of rain has fallen. The pictures are incredible, and the stories are heartbreaking.

We begin with a water rescue that ended tragically for a hero. Allan Anderson Junior, a firefighter and rescue diver, loses his life but not before he bravely helps to save two others. The water was too high, too strong, too much. Help came for two teenagers in the form of Allan Anderson Junior, a rescue diver with the Wellington Fire Department. After 35 long agonizing minutes, rescuers reach the two teens with a power boat and soon they're back into the arms of their loved ones. But something goes terribly wrong for Anderson. The current overwhelms the experienced diver. It seems he's fallen victim to the very thing he was trying to prevent, a drowning.

Anderson was airlifted to Metro Health Medical Center where he later died. Anderson is a second generation firefighter with four's year's service with the Wellington Fire Department. He's also a certified and very experienced diver. Tonight our well wishes and prayers go out to Anderson's wife, his four children, and his fellow firefighters.

Without question, the hardest hit area from the flooding has been Norwalk in Huron County. In Erie County emergency crews spent much of the day rescuing homeowners. Late this afternoon, Skyfox caught these pictures of the flooding in Perkins Township. The Erie County area is still underwater, and the fire department is evacuating several streets. Tonight many of the homes remain completely under water.

One of the first areas to take on water was Port Clinton. Fox 8 news crews were there overnight, capturing the damage. Boatloads of tourists left Port Clinton for Put-in-Bay Thursday. For the people who live here, there were basements to pump out and downed trees to be cut up. Trees at a few of the city parks splintered under the pressure of the winds. You look around the park and it looks more like a lake. City officials say the good news is no one got hurt, and property damage was minimal. Port Clinton city officials have canceled all recreation activities until next week.

Fox 8 cameras have been all across northeast Ohio capturing the damage from the storms and flood waters. In Vermilion flood waters forced a dock from its moorings and send it floating down stream. In Solon some of the east side's heaviest flooding took place. Route 91 had to be shut down for a while because cars could not get through the standing water. In Fairview Park

an entire golf course is turned into a water hazard. Skyfox is back in the air tonight capturing a number of new images from all this massive flooding.

Check out these amazing images of the flooding that happened just west of the Brecksville Reservation. The rushing water swept away over a \$100,000 in inventory from Larsen's Lumber. The force of the water also collapsed a portion of the business' parking lot, sending it down the river as well. Larsen's owners said it's the worst flooding since 1918. In independence nearly 2-dozen people become stranded after a train from the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad becomes stuck in rising waters near Pleasant Valley Road. With the help of the Independence Fire Department the passengers were unloaded and brought to safety.

In Wooster, Skyfox captured these images just a short time ago. Hundreds of trees splintered and the debris covered yards and roads. Residents say it looked like a tornado slammed into the region. Crews are working through the night to try and clean-up the mess. Tonight, hundreds of homes remain without power.

Massive amounts of water are rushing over the Norwalk Reservoir. At one point officials feared the reservoir might give way, but tonight it appears to be safe. Tonight Huron County remains under a state of emergency.

Additional reports

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News	June 22, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 21:23	Local

News	June 23, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 14:17	Local
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Flooding from days of storms is even more widespread tonight. More amazing video is coming in. Was it a tornado that swept through a local county, tearing up trees and even claiming a life? From raging floodwaters to trees ripped right out of the ground, the damage from this week's storms grows.

Our team coverage includes live reports from all over our viewing area. We begin in Valley View. The residents have seen flooding in this area before, but never this bad. The area is prone to flooding, and water gets into basements and yards when the canal swells over its banks. This driver foolishly challenged the high water in a pickup, driving past a submerged car before turning back. His stunt only disrupted the recovery efforts. 12 hours after the water started rising, it remained so high it wasn't possible to even start cleaning up.

Kristy Steeves continues our live team coverage in Stark County, in Brewster. The weather was not only dangerous, but deadly in Stark County. A 16-year old died when a possible tornado knocked down a tree that crushed his tent. Winds were clocked at more than 85-miles per hour. At one point, almost half of Stark County's roads were closed because of flooding.

In Wooster everywhere you look there are piles of debris and whole trees toppled, some of them into people's homes. Now the big task is cleaning up. The damage is unbelievable. Wooster police and the Wayne County Sheriffs office are relying on generators too.

1913 was the last time folks in Brecksville saw flooding this bad. Fox 8 got some incredible home video of everything. In Brecksville and Broadview Heights took people and businesses were literally washed away.

Floodwaters continue to be a problem in Lorain County. That community is still mourning a water rescue diver. The water rescue teams that dealt with a tragedy yesterday were pressed back into service today. Huron County is still trying to recover from the massive flooding. Scott Sabol is live in Skyfox with an update for us. The worst of the weather is over, but the cleanup has only just begun. While thousands of people face serious flooding, and thousands more are getting by without power this evening. First Energy says it's still repairing about 7,000 outages. American Electric Power has 29,000 customers who don't have service. The post office has stopped mail delivery in areas where streets are flooded. One post office, in North Royalton, had to be closed.

Scam artists are on their way to Ohio says our State Attorney General Jim Petro. Flood damaged Ohio homes are a magnet to out of state, hit and run scam artists, according Attorney General Jim Petro. The attorney general says you can protect yourself if you follow these rules.

1. Get written estimates
2. Require contract
3. Keep copies of all documents
4. Never sign an insurance check
5. Get contractor signoff-contractors paid

Attorney General Petro says his office can help you checkout contractors before you spend any money. "Don't hire someone you don't know who can't give you references. If you get a name of a business, check them out, call us. Obviously we keep a registry of those with complaints and those who haven't." Attorney General Petro says above all else, don't pay anyone a substantial amount of money until all of the work you need is done to your satisfaction. So far Ohio has more than 300 contractor complaints tied to weather calamities. The Attorney General says these scam-artists won't bother with you if you make it clear they won't get paid until the work is all done.

Additional reports

News	June 23, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 13:05	Local
News	June 23, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 11:50	Local
News	June 23, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 13:56	Local
News	June 23, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 7:35	Local
News	June 23, 2006	Noon	TRT 6:27	Local

News	June 23, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 21:11	Local
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If you've been hit by flooding you're surely getting familiar with your insurance policy. Fox 8 Columbus Bureau Chief John Damschroder has spent the day looking into the insurance issues and joins us live. No one has a home owners insurance policy that covers flooding or water backups in the basement. The people who have separate coverage in addition to standard home owners coverage look pretty smart tonight.

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in Ohio, yet 90% of Ohioans living in flood prone areas do not have flood insurance. Insurance agents expect the phones to ring with customers seeking protection against disasters like this, but it will be 30 days until coverage takes effect. Insurance companies sell the policies but the payment and the risk goes to the federal government. Unless you have a special clause in your homeowners plan, water in the basement is your problem. Fixing the damage is a risk too. Pump the water out of your basement too fast and the foundation of your home might collapse. Insurance experts say, call your agent and use their expertise to avoid these problems. The insurance people say you need to stay out of flooded basements until you're sure the electricity is off, and they say gas powered pumps or generators in confined space is another big risk.

Despite massive damage, organizers of the Boston Mills Artfest say the show will go on as planned. There was some concern last night when the area where the show is taking place was surrounded by about three feet of water. Some artists did lose their work and won't be part of the show. There was a massive group effort today to clean up the area, and the show will be open tomorrow and Sunday.

Additional reports

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News	June 24, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 6:47	Local
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Governor Bob Taft has declared a state of emergency in two counties hit hardest by last week's flooding. In Norwalk, the Chamber of Commerce pitched in to help business owners with the massive cleanup. Residents of Erie and Huron, two neighboring counties, hopefully are in line for loans or grants. By declaring a state of emergency in Erie and Huron Counties, the governor clears the way for state resources to be used in clean up efforts. The state can also ask the federal government for help.

The cleanup continues in other parts of Ohio like here in the immediate Cleveland area. This home on Greenhaven Parkway in Brecksville has been condemned. The homeowners have no flood insurance and are now staying with friends and are basically homeless. Meanwhile, Canal Road in Valley View is still shut down.

One of the less visible hazards from the recent storms is the high level of bacteria in Lake Erie. The heavy rain washed pollutants, including raw sewage, into the lake. Health experts warned people not to swim yesterday, but some did it anyway. The bacteria can cause fever, diarrhea, and other health problems.

Additional reports

News	June 24, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 6:35	Local
News	June 25, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 6:08	Local

News	June 25, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 4:38	Local
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Despite destruction throughout Huron County, St. Peter Church is still filled with people counting their blessings. Hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged by last week's rising water. As people sort through the debris and attempt to rebuild, they're looking to the community for support. Members have been donating their time and money to help each other through cleanup. Norwalk's 30 city employees are working overtime with ODOT to get the city cleaned up. Officials have estimated damage at \$2 million to the county's homes and businesses.

This afternoon a local community will remember a man who died, trying to save the lives of others. Alan Anderson was a Wellington firefighter, and a member of the rescue dive team. On Thursday he drowned in a river current while he was trying to rescue two teenagers. As they deal with the loss, Anderson's family members say they are proud of his service and his strength.

Additional reports

News	June 25, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 4:26	Local
News	June 26, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 7:25	Local
News	June 26, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 5:25	Local
News	June 26, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 7:15	Local
News	June 26, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 5:10	Local
News	June 26, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:30	Local

News	June 26, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 6:19	Local
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Last week's storms left behind a mountain of debris in several areas around northeast Ohio. The damage is so bad that today Cuyahoga, Stark and Lucas counties were added to a list that already included Erie and Huron Counties where a state of emergency has been declared. People in many communities are cleaning up and piling up their belongings in the trash.

ODOT is helping Brewster officials clear their roadways of downed trees and other debris after a tornado ripped through that town. The Red Cross even stopped by with supplies of drinkable water. Heavy rain backed up sewers in hundreds of Parma basements. Folks in Valley View are making slow, but steady progress in their clean up.

Many homes in Brecksville were flooded by last week's storms. So was the community's public library. The carpeting wasn't the library's only loss. A cable system underneath the carpet was destroyed, as was much of the library's tele-communications system. Hardest to replace are all the books, magazines and other materials on the lower shelves. Anything that came in contact with the flood water has to be thrown out. Insurance will help replace the materials that were destroyed. The library won't be able to reopen for about two months. In the meantime, it may open a limited collection in a temporary location such as a school. People who need to return materials to the Brecksville library can drop them off in Independence or North Royalton.

The residents of the five counties that are under an emergency declaration could be eligible for state aid. Families can get up to \$1500. Some elderly and disabled persons can get \$750 in disaster assistance. To apply, call the Department of Job and Family Services in your county.

Additional reports

News	June 26, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 8:33	Local
News	June 26, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 8:02	Local
News	June 27, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 3:55	Local

News	June 27, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local
News	June 27, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	June 27, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 4:32	Local
News	June 27, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local

News	June 27, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 3:33	Local
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Teams from FEMA as well as state and county emergency officials are touring the damage in Cuyahoga County at this hour. Because most victims did not have flood insurance, the only financial help they can hope for is from the state or federal government. Governor Taft's emergency declaration did allow the Department of Employment and Family Services to offer assistance to some victims. But to be eligible for up to \$1500 in state help, a family has to live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. More well off families could soon get more help after state and federal officials get a better look at the damage across Cuyahoga County today or tomorrow. That's when they'll determine whether flood victims are eligible for help or even low-interest loans.

If you believe your family is eligible for low-income flood assistance in Cuyahoga County, you can call 216-987-7000 starting tomorrow morning at 8:30. Over the next few days, FEMA and other emergency management officials will be looking at the damage in the other four counties with emergency declarations.

Additional reports

News	June 27, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 4:14	Local
News	June 27, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 6:08	Local

News	June 28, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:40	Local
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We accompanied one group of FEMA officials in Norwalk, where the damage is projected to top \$9 million. Heavy construction equipment is still common on the streets of Norwalk, clearing storm debris from in front of homes. Local officials took FEMA inspectors on a tour of Huron County to check out the damage first hand. FEMA officials say there is no timetable on when an approval for federal money might come, if at all. Each county they look at will get a separate answer and a separate amount, based on the specific damage done.

Additional reports

News	June 28, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 4:50	Local
News	June 28, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 4:00	Local
News	June 28, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 4:00	Local
News	June 28, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 3:55	Local
News	June 28, 2006	Noon	TRT 3:00	Local
News	June 28, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:15	Local
News	June 28, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:25	Local
News	June 29, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local
News	June 29, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	June 29, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	June 29, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	June 29, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:02	Local
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Even if you weren't flooded by recent storms, you will feel the impact of what's coming next. In Valley View acres of standing water remain from last weeks devastating floods most of it in remote areas. It is now a breeding ground for mosquitoes. In the Independence Community Park mosquitoes are not a huge annoyance yet. A short distance away, in Valley View health department inspectors are examining standing water. County health officials are spreading insecticide where they find large concentrations of mosquito's larvae. They say wherever there is standing water remaining from the heavy rains, mosquitoes will multiply and that applies to the breed of mosquito that carries the West Nile Virus. Spraying may become necessary. Health Dept. Mosquito control experts are in the process of assessing the need. That determination will be made in the next couple of days.

Additional reports

News	June 29, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:57	Local
News	June 29, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 30, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 30, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 30, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local

News	June 30, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	June 30, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 30, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 30, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	June 30, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	June 30, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:35	Local
News	June 30, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:35	Local
News	June 30, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local

ENVIRONMENT

Issue: Exotic Animals in Captivity/Wild Animals in Civilization

News	April 14, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:50	Local/CNN
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A bear attacks an Ohio family while they're on vacation in Tennessee. A six-year-old girl is killed and her mother and little brother remain in a Tennessee hospital. This local mom and her two young children went to Tennessee to visit her older son who attends college there. While there, they went to visit the national park.

The search continues for the killer black bear in Tennessee. Meanwhile relatives and friends of the family attacked are sending their prayers from Ohio. Witnesses told authorities the bear first went after two year old Luke Cenkus. His mother and other visitors tried to fight the bear off with rocks and sticks. Then the bear grabbed and dragged the mom about 50 yards before letting her go. The six year old daughter's body was found late last night about 100 yards away down a trail near these falls with the bear standing over her. Two year old Luke has some deep bite wounds to his head. The mom was bitten severely on her neck, arms and legs. Doctors say two of the bites to her neck punctured her spine.

The authorities say black bears don't usually attack. They believe it may have been suffering from a disease that affected its behavior.

Two-year-old Luke Cenkus is in stable condition at a hospital in Tennessee. His mom remains in critical condition. Doctors do believe both will make a full recovery. The mom will have to go through more surgery in the coming days. Both could actually be released within a week.

Additional reports

News	April 14, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:50	CNN
News	April 14, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:04	CNN
News	April 14, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:05	Local/CNN
News	April 15, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 15, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	April 16, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:43	Local
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Forest rangers in Tennessee have captured a bear believed to have attacked a Sandusky area family, killing a six year old girl. Rangers at the Cherokee National Forest believe the bear they killed today is the one that attacked Susan Cenkus and her two children Thursday. Six-year-old Elora was killed. Rangers say they won't know for sure if they have the right bear until DNA results come in.

Additional reports

News	April 17, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	April 17, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 17, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:58	Local
News	April 17, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local

News	April 17, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:40	Local/CNN
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Susan Cenkus and her two children were leaving a waterfall in the Cherokee National Forest when the bear attacked. It grabbed 2-year-old Luke by his head. Susan Cenkus tried to fend off the bear with rocks and sticks, but the bear attacked her and dragged her off the trail. Cenkus' daughter Elora ran. A rescuer later found the 6-year-old's lifeless body and the bear hovering over it.

Officials in Tennessee say bear attacks are rare but a bear was caught in a trap in a quarantined area near the attack. Rangers euthanized the animal, swabbed its mouth for DNA evidence, and placed it in a body bag to preserve any evidence that will link it to Thursday's attack.

Additional reports

News	April 17, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	April 17, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	April 18, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	April 18, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	April 18, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 18, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	April 18, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:33	Local
News	April 18, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:25	Local

News	April 28, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:15	Local
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In recent weeks there have been several black bear sightings in northeast Ohio. That's the same animal blamed for a deadly attack on an Ohio family vacationing in Tennessee. Fox 8 news reporter Jack Shea tracks down wildlife officials for the latest on the threat in our area. Black bears have been spotted by residents in Ashtabula County five times in the past four weeks.

The most recent sighting was in New Lyme Township when a bear like this one tried to get his paws on horse feed in a barn. The Ohio Division of Wildlife says this is the time of year when bears start to roam. In most cases, bears like this one spotted in Lake County, try to avoid humans. The attack two weeks ago by a black bear on an Ohio family vacationing in the Smokey Mountains that left a six-year-old girl dead has heightened fears that animals are becoming more aggressive when they encounter humans. However, Ohio wildlife officials view the Tennessee attack as aberration. Wildlife authorities say as more black bears are spotted in Ohio, residents need to remember that they don't have very good eyesight and may not even know you're there. They should always be given a wide berth. There were more than 100 bear sightings in Ohio last year. Most of them were in Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties.

News	May 3, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:06	Local
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A large turnout is expected in a small town for the funeral of a six-year old Ohio girl killed in a bear attack. The girl's mother and brother survived. The funeral will be held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Clyde, Ohio.

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News	May 3, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:15	Local
News	May 3, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local

News	May 11, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 1:55	Local
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It's not uncommon to look out your window and see a deer or even a raccoon, but imagine looking out of your window and seeing a bear. Sharon Rusnak says she was shocked on Monday when she looked out the window of her home in Hambden Township, and she spotted a black bear. She says the bear even walked up to her window and looked inside the house. The Geauga County Sheriff's Department says they got several calls from people who saw the bear. Police say the bear is probably harmless, but they are reminding residents to bring in their trash so they don't attract him.

Additional reports

News	May 12, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	May 12, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	May 12, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	May 12, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	May 12, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:57	Local

News	May 17, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:57	Local
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People are lining up at Akron's posh nightclub to wrestle a 600 pound bear. If you can pin Caesar you win a \$1,000. Animal rights activists say it's cruel, but the bear's owner runs an animal shelter and he calls this playtime. Caesar's owner says that once people get in the ring, they can tell the bear is having fun. PETA is urging Ohio lawmakers to outlaw bear wrestling. It has already been banned in 20 states.

Additional reports

News	May 18, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:55	Local
News	May 18, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	May 22, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 4:07	Local
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A Youngstown woman is critically injured when a 500 pound bear escapes from its owner and goes on the attack. The bear actually went inside the victim's house to attack her. Tonight she's in a Youngstown hospital and the bear is dead. The 36-year old victim is in stable condition. It turns out she was saved from that bear by her daughter and her dog. The 15-year old Ashtabula County girl said she had just taken her beagle outside when they came face to face with a 500-pound bear that had escaped from its cage at this commercial wildlife breeding farm less than a mile down the road on State Route 6.

The girl says the owner of the breeding farm, Mark Gutman then arrived at the home and shot the bear to death. Her mom suffered numerous bite wounds to the head, chest and stomach in the mauling, and was flown to a medical center in Youngstown. State wildlife officials say the attack inside the home is almost unheard of, but this was not your typical bear.

We went to the breeding farm known as the Grand River Fur Exchange to try and find out how the bear got out and why he wasn't stopped before Rachel Supplee was attacked in her own living room. We were told the owner was not available. Neighbors are angry about what happened because they say this is not the first time that an animal has escaped from Gutman's farm. They claim that some of the cages on the farm cannot contain the animals that are bred in captivity but still have the instincts of the wild. Authorities will now begin a criminal investigation into what happened today, and whether the owner will face any criminal charges.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife says what happened today is not common of wild bear behavior. They say May and June are the peak times for spotting bears. As of right now in Ohio, there are no cage specifications for people who keep wild animals. Wildlife experts say you're more likely to be attacked by a dog than by a bear.

Additional reports

News	May 22, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:25	Local
News	May 22, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	May 23, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	May 23, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	May 23, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	May 23, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	May 23, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:30	Local
News	May 23, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	May 23, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	May 23, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	May 23, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:05	Local

News	May 23, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:47	Local
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Tonight the chilling call for help has been released. A 15-year-old girl frantically called for help after a 500 pound black bear storms into her Ashtabula County home and attacks her mother. The girl and her beagle tried fighting off the bear but can't get it to let go. The bear belongs to the family's neighbor, Mark Gutman, who breeds bears and hundreds of other animals at his breeding farm in Hartsgrove Township.

Wildlife officials say right now there are no regulations for people who keep wild animals. Neighbors say they have feared something like this happening for years, but the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department says they only know of one minor incident in the 20 plus years Gutman has been doing this. The Ashtabula County Prosecutor is now deciding if any charges will be filed. The victim remains in stable condition at a Youngstown hospital.

Additional reports

News	May 23, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 3:04	Local
News	May 23, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	May 24, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:10	Local

News	May 24, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	May 24, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	May 24, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local

News	May 25, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local
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Just days after an Ashtabula County woman was attacked by a bear, PETA is calling for a ban on possession of the wild animals. Wildlife officials hope it will prompt stronger regulations on the animals and so are the people who live near them.

David Shaw spends a lot of time in his yard in rural Ashtabula County. He is literally steps away from the wild. There are two bears fenced in just beyond Shaw's property line. The bears are there legally and so are the deer behind the fence. The property owner is one of 17 in northeast Ohio licensed to have bears. State wildlife officials say surprisingly there are no caging specifications in Ohio's revised code. This is something they've been trying to change. David Shaw says he hasn't had a problem with the neighbor's bear and he hope he doesn't. Ohio wildlife officials only have jurisdiction over animals that are native to the state which includes black bears.

Additional reports

News	May 26, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	May 26, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	June 2, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:30	Local
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The Humane Society is out to ban bears and all wild and dangerous animals in Ohio after several recent incidents. A bill to require 8 foot perimeter fences for wild animals would bring state law to federal standards. 333,000 Ohio Humane Society members tell Governor Taft through a letter they want emergency action to ban private possession of dangerous animals.

This flurry of activity regarding wild animals stems from the bear attack in Ashtabula County, and the house fire in Summit County, where a grizzly bear cub and other exotic animals were killed. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources says there are 137 bears kept as pets in the state. Right now, the only requirement is a permit from the state. Safety regulations are left to local governments, and in the townships, and rural areas, that often means there are no rules at all. The department of Natural Resources says they've been trying to get state laws changed to regulate dangerous animals. State Senator Tim Grendell says his bill requires fences and is restricted to dangerous animals to overcome opposition from people who keep deer and pheasants. But the Humane Society says wild animals just don't belong in backyards, no matter how tight they're regulated.

News	June 2, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:51	Local
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His bear escaped an outdoor cage, and nearly killed a woman, but Mark Gutman of Ashtabula will not be charged with anything. If you own a dog and it gets loose and bites someone, chances are, you'll be cited. But, that's not the case for a local man whose bear got loose and viciously attacked a woman in her own home. The reaction from neighbors is not mixed. Many of them are just down the road from the Grand River Fur Exchange, where wild animals, like foxes, coyotes, mountain lions, and bears are kept in cages. The prosecutor says Gutman did not violate any laws and he criticized lawmakers for not requiring perimeter fences around wildlife operations.

We went to the Fur Exchange, but Mr. Gutman did not answer the door, or return our phone calls. As we have reported, Gutman did shoot and kill the bear that attacked his neighbor. Rachel Supplee's family will tell us their reaction to this news at a news conference tomorrow.

News	June 3, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:34	Local
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Relatives of the bear attack victim are pushing hard for changes in state law for wild animal keepers. The parents of Rachel Supplee, neighbors and supporters gathered today to make their case for big changes in Ohio law. They can't get over some dog owners carry more insurance and face stiffer penalties than owners of lions, tigers, and bears.

According to her mom, Rachel Supplee still faces a long road to recovery. Rachel was attacked in her home, by a bear who escaped from owner Mark Gutman's gaming business. The Ashtabula County prosecutor ruled Gutman broke no laws.

State representative George Distel promised the family and neighbors he'll introduce a bill to toughen requirements for wild animal owners. Gutman could not be reached for comment. According to Distal, Ashtabula County has at least three big game keepers. Some residents say the attack was an isolated incident. Others support the call for new laws with teeth. Rachel's parents say their daughter may file a civil lawsuit against him.

Additional reports

News	June 3, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:08	Local
News	June 4, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:08	Local
News	June 5, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local

News	June 09, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:57	Local
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Residents in Ashtabula County are being urged to keep a watchful eye after a recent rash of black bear sightings. So far, the bears have been peaceful, but experts are reminding people these are indeed wild animals. County wildlife officials say the bear sightings are becoming more and more common. They believe the bears are migrating from Pennsylvania where as many as 17,000 black bears currently live.

Residents say their main concern is that someone might startle one of the animals. Experts estimate about 100 black bears call Ohio home year round. Most believe the Ashtabula bears are simply out looking for new terrain or new sources of food. It's believed the bears sighted in Ashtabula County are juvenile males weighing up to 250 pounds. Experts are also urging people who live in the area to keep their trash inside to help keep the bears away.

Additional reports

News	June 9, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:57	Local
News	June 9, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local

News	June 11, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:25	Local
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This morning Willoughby Hills Police took several calls about a black bear wandering around Chardon Road, River Road and Bates Lane. They didn't find it, but it did cause some excitement for neighbors. About an hour ago someone spotted the bear. Firefighters got pictures of it this time. They say it was checking out a bird feeder, but didn't damage anything. Wildlife officials say just use common sense. Don't try to feed the bears. Admire them from a distance.

Additional reports

News	June 12, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 12, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	June 12, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	June 12, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	June 12, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 12, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	June 12, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:58	Local

News	June 12, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:38	Local
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Today fifteen people called 911 to report they'd seen the black bear in Gates Mills. Police think this is the same bear that spent Sunday in Willoughby Hills. Wildlife officials say the bears are out looking for food and a mate. They cover a lot of ground in their search and eventually they go back deep into the woods.

So when the bear wanders out of the woods and into your yard or your driveway, be calm, maybe even grab your camera before he's gone again. Wildlife officials say you should take down your bird feeders and keep your garbage cans secured. Those things will attract the bears..

Additional reports

News	June 12, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:18	Local
News	June 12, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:10	Local

News	June 15, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:44	Local
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We've heard those reports of roaming bears in parts of our area. Now a Fox 8 news crew has a close encounter in Amish country. They were checking out a sighting in the Geauga County town of Middlefield when they came face to face with this black bear. It had been roaming around the area all day. An Amish man reports the bear ran out in front of his buggy, and a group of children say it wandered into their backyard.

Additional reports

News	June 16, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:25	Local
News	June 16, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 2:16	Local
News	June 16, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	June 16, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:16	Local
News	June 16, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:01	Local
News	June 16, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:47	Local

News June 16, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:46 Local

A northeast Ohio woman got an up close and personal look at one deer and it was not pleasant. The deer was inside the house in Broadview Heights about 15 minutes but before he ran off, he left the homeowner beaten and bloody and parts of the house in disarray. Homeowner Mary Blake says the deer was big strong and determined to keep her pinned inside this wooden box. The deer rushed into the house because it was chasing the family dog Buddy. Apparently Buddy was messing with the deer's fawn. After attacking Mary and leaving her with several serious injuries, the deer trashed parts of the house. Police officers were finally able to get the deer out and get Mary to the hospital.

News June 16, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:58 Local

Some residents are in an uproar over their neighbors' house pets. They have five tigers living in their basement. The basement arrangement is temporary, until an Ashland County couple finishes building an outdoor pen for their cats. Some of their neighbors hope it never gets built and they're looking for ways to get the tigers removed.

One peek in Denise and Jose Flores' Orange Township home and you can tell they love tigers. But their passion for the big striped cats doesn't stop with the decor. Denise owns five tigers. Most were rescued from a wild animal park in Texas where she once worked. The tigers have been kept in a basement since the Flores moved in in March. They're in the process of building outdoor enclosures.

Joann Depierro and her daughters live two properties away. They're animal lovers of a more traditional kind. Having tigers down the road definitely puts Joann on edge. Joann and several others would like to see the tigers zoned out of town. We found some neighbors don't mind the cats. Denise says they're sensitive to neighbors' fears of an escape. The enclosures will include a perimeter fence. And they include separate lockdown areas attached to the cages.

The Flores say they're willing to meet reasonable guideline, but they intend to fight for the right to keep their cats. The Orange Township Zoning Board will discuss guidelines for keeping exotic animals at a meeting on Tuesday. The bear attack on a woman in Ashtabula last month has several state lawmakers talking about toughening state requirements. They anticipate introducing legislation after the summer recess.

Additional reports

News June 16, 2006 10:00PM TRT 1:00 Local

News June 20, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:15 Local

We're above the L&L Exotic Animal Farm in Copley, still recovering from a fire in May, but today the owner had even bigger problems to deal with. The accusations against this local man number in the hundreds. Government witnesses are detailing more than 950 violations inspectors have documented on the property since the Fox 8 I-Team visited the L&L Exotic Animal Farm more than four years ago. Inspectors say they found evidence of unsanitary conditions, poor veterinary care, and inadequate shelter and food. Lorenza Pearson who owns the property would not comment on the accusations.

The property was damaged by fire last May. The fire killed two tiger cubs, a baby bear and several other animals. Pearson's attorney says that fire has left him unable to defend himself against the charges, and has asked the government to give him more time to prepare. Federal magistrate Victor Palmer, here from Washington for the proceeding is pushing for the hearing to continue. Pearson's attorney says the documents that were destroyed would have shown that many of the government's accusations are not true. If the government prevails, Pearson's farm, which has housed as many as 80 animals from tigers to bears, and exotic monkeys could be

permanently closed. If a judge decides in the governments favor Pearson faces a possible fine of more than \$2,000 for each charge. He could also lose his license to exhibit exotic animals.

Additional reports

News	June 21, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	June 21, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	June 21, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public service announcements were aired for the organizations listed below during the second quarter of 2006.

American Acad. of Orthopedic Science –	Hurricane
Various	Imagine
American Dental Association	In Their Own Words
American Indian College	Jimmy Malone Golf
Asthma Walk	Journey of Hope
Autism - Various	Kids Help Kids
Believe in Cleveland	Matchsticks
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Mentor
Boxing	Ohio Reads
Car Seat	Open Childs Mind
Cherry Monroe – Suicide	PAWS
Dreams – MS Society	Pancreatic Cancer Walk
Drink Prevention	Partners for a Drug-Free America-Various
FBL – Character	Pool
Four Nine	Precious Cargo
FOX V Chip	Red Cross Blood Drive
FOX TV Ratings	Save Manatee
Garfield in Writing	Shield of Freedom
Girls & Boys Town	Symbols - Rotary
Healthy Lifestyles and Disease Prevention –	Tim Taylor Golf Outing
Various	Twice Upon a Time
Help America	
House Party	

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROJECTS
April-May-June 2006

GRAPES ON THE GRIDIRON (Our Lady of the Wayside)

Friday, April 21

For the seventh year, FOX 8 supported Grapes on the Gridiron, a wine-tasting party and auction benefiting Our Lady of the Wayside. More than 800 people attended the event, held at Cleveland Browns Stadium, and more than \$97,000 was raised. FOX 8 helped promote the event by airing a :30 and :15 PSA. FOX 8 Sports Anchor Tony Rizzo emceed the event and promoted it in his sports segments. News also covered the event the day of.

MARKET UNDER GLASS (Harvest for Hunger)

Thursday, April 27

As part of our commitment to the Harvest for Hunger campaign, FOX 8 sponsored their premier event, Market Under Glass, at the Galleria. More than 1200 attendees sampled posh food and drink from a variety of Cleveland's finest restaurants and participated in the silent auction. More than \$135,000 was raised to support Harvest for Hunger's efforts to feed the needy of northeast Ohio. FOX 8 produced and aired a :20, :15 and :10 PSA, promoted the event in several newscasts and covered the event that night. Local chefs who participated at Market Under Glass were also featured in Kenny Crumpton's cooking segments on FOX 8 News in weeks prior to the event. Members of the FOX 8 news team were on hand that night to serve as judges, celebrity chefs or emcees.

2nd ANNUAL PAWS FOR A CAUSE RUN/WALK EVENT (P.A.W.S.)

Sunday, May 14

For the first year, FOX 8 supported the 2nd Annual PAWS A Cause 5K run/walk. This event doubled in size compared to the previous year. FOX 8 produced and aired a :10 PSA, promoted the event on-air, as well as on our website. FOX 8 meteorologist Dick Goddard and FOX 8 news anchor Wilma Smith were in attendance to help emcee the event. News also covered the event day of.

JOURNEY OF HOPE – TOM OLSON CLASSIC (Journey of Hope)

Monday, May 22

For the first year, FOX 8 supported the Tom Olson Classic, benefiting Journey of Hope. This was the first golf tournament the organization has held. They raised more than \$25,000 for adult cancer patients in need of financial assistance. FOX 8 produced and aired a :15 PSA and promoted the event in several newscasts. FOX 8 sports anchor Tony Rizzo hosted the golf outing. News also covered the event day of.

JUVENILE DIABETES ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)

Monday, June 5

The annual golf tournament hosted by FOX 8 news anchor Wilma Smith was a tremendous success. The event raised more \$98,000. FOX 8 promoted the event in several newscasts and covered the event day of.

TIM TAYLOR PRO-AM GOLF INVITATIONAL (Epilepsy Association)

Thursday, June 15

The annual golf tournament co-hosted by former FOX 8 news anchor Tim Taylor and FOX 8 sports anchor, Tony Rizzo, raised more than \$75,000 for the Epilepsy Association. FOX 8 produced and aired two :20 PSAs promoting the event, featuring sales clients who supported the cause as title sponsors. Several FOX 8 personalities, in addition to Taylor, played in the tournament. News ran a story day of.

BLOW THE WHISTLE ON ASTHMA WALK (American Lung Association of Ohio)

Saturday, June 24

For the ninth straight year, FOX 8 sponsored the American Lung Association Blow the Whistle on Asthma Walk (formerly know as the Clean Air Challenge), Saturday, June 24 at Crocker Park. This was a new name and location for the event. More than 500 people participated in the 3.1-mile walk. Funds raised benefited the American Lung Association's efforts to promote clean air for healthy living. FOX 8 news anchor Bill Martin kicked off the walk. FOX 8 produced a :20 and :10 PSA. News interviewed the event chairman in studio for the Sunday morning newscast and profiled a lung patient for a news story. News also ran a story day of.